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Overview

29.1 Provisions under this section cover the requirements of five administrative organizational units financed on an inter-agency basis. They are the following:

(a) The International Civil Service Commission and its secretariat;

(b) The Joint Inspection Unit and its secretariat;

(c) The secretariats of subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination concerned with administrative issues: the Information Systems Coordination Committee, the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions and the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions.

29.2 Provisions for all five bodies are proposed under the regular budget on a net basis and represent only the United Nations share in the budgets of the bodies. Nevertheless, the full budgets of the bodies are presented to the General Assembly for its consideration and approval.

29.3 The proposals for the appropriation made under the present section reflect an increase in requirements over the level of the appropriation approved for the biennium 1998–1999 in the amount of $2,349,400. The increase is attributable to the fact that, unlike in the bienniums 1996–1997 and 1998–1999, the United Nations share in the budgets of the five bodies would also include the components of costs relating to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the requirements for which have not been included in the programme budgets starting with the biennium 1996–1997.

29.4 It should recalled in this connection that a decision had been taken in 1995, at a time of preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996–1997, to estimate the United Nations share of costs in the budgets of jointly financed bodies, excluding a share of UNHCR and UNRWA in those costs. That decision was made on the assumption that UNHCR and UNRWA would each be responsible for a share in the costs of the jointly financed bodies. Proposals had accordingly been made in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996–1997 under section 27, Jointly financed administrative activities, for a reduction of the 1996–1997 estimates for the United Nations share in the costs of the subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, namely the Information Systems Coordination Committee, the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions and the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions, to reflect the expectation that UNHCR and UNRWA could assume a share of the costs. With regard to the 1996–1997 estimates for the ICSC and the JIU, in line with the above-mentioned new arrangements, a reimbursement to the United Nations by UNHCR and UNRWA for payment of their share of costs had been budgeted under income section 2 of the proposed programme budget. The General Assembly had agreed with the proposals for the reduced United Nations share, in the context of approval of the programme budget for the biennium 1996–1997.

29.5 Neither UNHCR nor UNRWA agreed with the change in the arrangements, nor with the shifting to them of the financial responsibilities for the costs equivalent to their share in the budgets of the jointly financed bodies. The United Nations Secretariat was also unable to reach an agreement with those programmes on reimbursement of the expenditures which the United Nations incurred on behalf of UNHCR and UNRWA when paying their share of the costs associated with the activities of the jointly financed bodies.

29.6 The basis for participation of UNHCR and UNRWA in the activities of the jointly financed bodies has been reviewed in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001. The participating organizations in each of these bodies are the same organizations of the United Nations system which participate in the activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination itself. On that basis, it is understood that the United Nations represents the interest of both UNHCR and UNRWA in the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery. Accordingly, the financial responsibility vis-à-vis those bodies also rests with the United Nations.

29.7 The summary analysis of the overall regular budget estimates of the requirements by programme and object of expenditure is provided in tables 29.1 and 29.2.

Table 29.1 **Summary of requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
A. International Civil Service Commission (United Nations share)	9 747.1[a]	3 256.8	1 020.9	31.3	4 277.7	207.8	4 485.5
B. Joint Inspection Unit (United Nations share)	8 651.7[b]	1 645.8	1 012.0	61.4	2 657.8	48.1	2 705.9
C. Information Systems Coordination Committee (United Nations share)	336.0	357.5	100.8	28.1	458.3	8.2	466.5
D. Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (United Nations share)	502.8	392.5	110.1	28.0	502.6	9.1	511.7
E. Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions (United Nations share)	191.3	171.6	105.6	61.5	277.2	5.0	282.2
F. International Computing Centre (United Nations share)	6 288.5	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**25 717.4**	**5 824.2**	**2 349.4**	**40.3**	**8 173.6**	**278.2**	**8 451.8**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

	1996–1997 expenditures	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total (1) and (2)	**25 717.4**	**5 824.2**	**2 349.4**	**40.3**	**8 173.6**	**278.2**	**8 451.8**

[a] Reflects total requirements of ICSC in accordance with arrangements prevailing in that biennium.

[b] Reflects total requirements of JIU in accordance with arrangements prevailing in that biennium.

Table 29.2 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	14 341.2	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other staff costs	152.3	–	–	–	–	–	–
Consultants and experts	663.3	–	–	–	–	–	–
Travel	1 383.4	–	–	–	–	–	–
Contractual services	684.6	–	–	–	–	–	–
General operating expenses	921.3	–	–	–	–	–	–
Hospitality	3.0	–	–	–	–	–	–
Supplies and materials	37.9	–	–	–	–	–	–
Furniture and equipment	211.8	–	–	–	–	–	–
Grants and contributions	7 318.6	5 824.2	2 349.4	40.3	8 173.6	278.2	8 451.8
Total	**25 717.4**[a]	**5 824.2**	**2 349.4**	**40.3**	**8 173.6**	**278.2**	**8 451.8**

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	1996–1997 expenditures	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total (1) and (2)	**25 717.4**	**5 824.2**	**2 349.4**	**40.3**	**8 173.6**	**278.2**	**8 451.8**

[a] Reflects total requirements of ICSC in accordance with arrangements prevailing in that biennium.

A. International Civil Service Commission

Overview

29.8 By its resolution 3357 (XXIX) of 18 December 1974, the General Assembly established the International Civil Service Commission for the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system. The 15-member Commission is a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and is responsible for the regulation and coordination of the conditions of service of the United Nations common system. The functions and powers of the Commission, covering its mandate in broad terms, are outlined under articles 10 to 16 of its statute. Under its statute the Commission performs its functions in respect of the United Nations and of those specialized agencies and other international organizations which participate in the United Nations common system. In the exercise of its functions, the Commission is guided by the principle set out in the agreements between the United Nations and the other organizations, aiming at the development of a single unified international civil service through the application of common personnel standards, methods and arrangements.

29.9 Under the statutory provisions, the Commission makes recommendations to the General Assembly on the broad principles for determining the conditions of service of the common system staff, the scale of salaries and post adjustments and specific allowances and benefits for staff in the Professional and higher categories and on the scales of staff assessment. The Commission establishes the methods by which the principles for determining conditions of service should be applied, rates of allowances and benefits (other than pensions and those falling under the purview of the General Assembly), as well as the conditions of entitlement to

those allowances and benefits and standards of travel. The Commission is also responsible for the classification of duty stations for the purpose of applying post adjustments. It conducts surveys of best prevailing conditions of employment for the General Service and related categories of staff at the headquarters duty stations and makes recommendations to the organizations on salaries and allowances based on those surveys. The Commission establishes job classification standards for all categories of staff and advises organizations of the common system on the development of such standards. It makes recommendations to the organizations on issues pertaining to human resources management, such as recruitment, mobility, career development, gender balance, staff training and development.

29.10 The overall broad objectives of the Commission's work programme are to: (a) continue maintenance of a common system of salaries, allowances and benefits; (b) establish and maintain procedures and/or methodologies; (c) establish and maintain post adjustment classifications and daily subsistence allowance rates for some 200 countries and areas around the globe; (d) conduct surveys of best prevailing conditions of employment for General Service staff at headquarters duty stations; (e) develop and maintain job classification standards; and (f) provide guidance/advice on various human resources management issues.

29.11 The Chairman of the Commission has the responsibility to direct the work of the Commission. As the Chief Administrative Officer of the Commission, the Executive Secretary is responsible for the preparation of the budget estimates for the Commission, in close consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission, and for their submission to the Secretary-General.

29.12 As a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly, the Commission must present its total budget estimates to the Assembly for consideration and approval. Since the organizations of the common system, other than the United Nations, pay more than 70 per cent of the Commission's budget, a copy of it has been provided simultaneously by the Executive Secretary to the participating organizations of the common system.

Programme of work of the International Civil Service Commission

29.13 The overall programme of work of the Commission is composed of two broad components, namely, the operational activities dealing with the equalization and maintenance of purchasing power parity of staff at the Professional and higher categories through the post adjustment system, the daily subsistence allowance rates, maintenance of job classification standards and the classification of duty stations according to conditions of life and work, hazard pay, etc. The second broad component covers studies on specific aspects of conditions of employment of all categories of staff resulting from requests by the General Assembly and/or the governing bodies of other organizations of the common system, members of the Commission, the Organization or staff bodies. The budget estimates are based on the programme of work resulting from requests from the above-mentioned bodies submitted to the Commission to date. The Commission will hold two sessions of three weeks' duration each in 2000 and two sessions of two weeks' duration each in 2001. With the approval of the Assembly, the Commission established a subsidiary body, the Advisory Committee on Post Adjustment Questions, to advise it on technical/statistical issues dealing with the methodological aspect of the post adjustment system. The Advisory Committee generally holds one session of one week's duration each year.

29.14 The secretariat of the Commission is composed of the Office of the Executive Secretary, the Cost-of-Living Division, the Personnel Policies Division and the Salaries and Allowances Division.

29.15 The programme of work of the Cost-of-Living Division derives primarily from the Commission's mandate to establish the classification of duty stations for the purpose of applying post adjustments, as outlined under article 11 (c) of the statute. In the biennium 2000–2001, the Division will conduct its next round of place-to-place surveys for headquarters and in Washington, D.C. duty stations, including a price collection exercise, its verification and processing, establishment of post adjustment indices, multipliers and rental subsidy thresholds and distribution of that information to user organizations. Methodological research on various aspects of the post adjustment system will also be carried out.

29.16 The work programme of the Personnel Policies Division derives from the Commission's mandated activities under the following articles of its statute: article 13 (establishment of job classification standards); article 14 (standards of recruitment, career development, staff training, performance appraisal, etc.); and article 15 (development of common staff regulations). In addition, the Division is responsible for the operation and management of the scheme for the classification of duty stations according to conditions of life and work (the hardship scheme) and the management of hazard pay, as well as for developmental and policy aspects of the mobility and hardship scheme and for conditions of work in the field. It also coordinates and prepares reports on the implementation of the Commission's decisions and recommendations. In the biennium 2000–2001, the Personnel Policies Division will conduct the following main activities: (a) development of a human resources framework for the organizations of the common system; (b) classification of duty stations according to conditions of life and work (hardship scheme), including recommendations for hazard pay; (c) preparation of the monthly Vacancy Announcement Bulletin; (d) training and information activities; and (e) technical advice and coordination on job classification matters.

29.17 The programme of work of the Salaries and Allowances Division derives from the Commission's mandates under articles 10, 11 and 12 of its statute. In the biennium 2000–2001, the Division will carry out the following main activities: (a) studies on the application of the Noblemaire principle and annual monitoring of remuneration levels of the comparator (the United States federal civil service); (b) reviews of methodologies for determining various allowances and benefits; (c) review of the benefits and allowances, and staff assessment rates; a comprehensive five-year review of the pensionable remuneration and staff assessment scale for all categories of staff; a review of methodology for determining the education grant and an update of the amount, and the methodology for the dependency rate, and the update of the amount; (d) carrying out of General Service salary surveys in Geneva, London, New York, Rome and Vienna; and (e) monthly updates of daily subsistence allowance rates.

Table 29.3 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure (gross budget)**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	6 381.9	7 378.6	–	–	7 378.6	442.4	7 821.0
Other staff costs	124.6	210.0	–	–	210.0	10.3	220.3
Non-staff compensation	–	651.4	–	–	651.4	19.6	671.0
Consultants and experts	663.3	256.1	600.0	234.2	856.1	41.6	897.7
Travel	974.9	1 107.2	–	–	1 107.2	53.7	1 160.9
Contractual services	681.9	26.2	(8.9)	(33.9)	17.3	0.9	18.2
General operating expenses	819.4	1 607.9	(300.0)	(18.6)	1 307.9	63.4	1 371.3
Hospitality	3.0	4.2	–	–	4.2	0.2	4.4
Supplies and materials	30.1	41.8	–	–	41.8	2.0	43.8
Furniture and equipment	68.0	52.6	–	–	52.6	2.6	55.2
Total	**9 747.1**	**11 336.0**	**291.1**	**2.5**	**11 627.1**	**636.7**	**12 263.8**

Table 29.4 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: International Civil Service Commission

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998–1999	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
D-1	3	3	–	–	–	–	3	3
P-5	3	3	–	–	–	–	3	3
P-4/3	10	10	–	–	–	–	10	10
P-2/1	3	3	–	–	–	–	3	3
Total	**20**	**20**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**20**	**20**
General Service category								
Principal level	2	2	–	–	–	–	2	2
Other level	22	22	–	–	–	–	22	22
Total	**24**	**24**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**24**	**24**
Grand total	**44**	**44**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**44**	**44**

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Total requirements of the International Civil Service Commission

29.18 In formulating the Commission's budget for the biennium 2000–2001, the following general assumptions have been made:

(a) The Commission will hold two sessions per year, one in New York and the other elsewhere;

(b) Two working groups, established in accordance with the revised methods of work of the Commission, will each meet for approximately two weeks during the biennium with the participation of members of the Commission, its secretariat and representatives of the organizations and staff;

(c) In line with section I, paragraph 4, of General Assembly resolution 47/216 of 23 December 1992, it is anticipated that the Commission will be invited to participate in at least one meeting per year of the technical working groups on specific aspects of the remuneration system established by the governing bodies of the participating organizations;

(d) The programme of work of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions and its subcommittee and meetings of other United Nations system bodies in which the Commission's secretariat participates will not differ substantially from those already programmed and referred to in these estimates;

(e) Total additional in-session costs, not borne by the organizations hosting the session away from New York, will be contained in the Commission's budget on a full funding basis.

Other staff costs

29.19 The provision of $157,600 under this heading covers temporary assistance for meeting costs in respect of the meetings of the Commission and the Advisory Committee on Post Adjustment Questions held away from the United Nations, including interpretation, translation and typing. The cost of servicing meetings held at United Nations conference centres will be met from section 27, Conference services.

Travel of representatives

29.20 The estimated requirements of $715,200 under this heading relate to travel and subsistence allowance of: (a) 13 members of the Commission to attend the Commission sessions in New York during the biennium; (b) 15 members of the Commission to attend the Commission sessions away from New York, based on the assumption that the two sessions will be held at the headquarters of participating organizations in Europe; (c) field visits for the members of the Commission to be organized in conjunction with the Commission's sessions; (d) six members of the Advisory Committee on Post Adjustment Questions to attend its sessions at one of the headquarters locations; (e) the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman to ensure proper coordination and contact with the organizations of the common system, meetings with executive heads, attendance at meetings of the working groups established by the organizations and/or the meetings of their governing bodies as well as those of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board; and (f) the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to undertake at least one field visit each year, with a view to maintaining contact with the administration and staff at field locations on a continued basis.

Compensation

29.21 The estimated requirements of $651,400 relate to compensation ($542,800) and pension contribution ($108,600) provisions for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Commission, in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 37/131 of 17 December 1982, 40/256 of 18 December 1985 and 45/249 of 21 December 1990. Expenditures under this item covers the honorariums for the two full-time members of the Commission, namely, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The requirement of $542,800 is based upon the relevant General Assembly resolutions and the procedures for adjusting the honorariums for inflation. The resources requested ($108,600) are based on the amounts approved by the General Assembly and on the procedure for adjusting the pensionable remuneration amounts of the above-mentioned officials between comprehensive reviews.

Secretariat of the Commission

Posts

29.22 The estimated requirements of $7,378,600 relate to the continuation of 20 posts in the Professional category and above and 24 General Service posts to provide the staffing support required by the Commission to respond to all mandated activities.

Other staff costs

29.23 An amount of $20,900 is requested under general temporary assistance and would provide for approximately four work-months at the General Service level for replacement of staff on extended sick leave and during periods of peak workload. Overtime requirements, estimated at $31,500, would adequately meet the needs of the secretariat in terms of the need to work extra hours so as to meet the deadlines for pre-session and in-session documents of the Commission.

Consultants and experts

29.24 The resources requested under this item ($856,100), reflecting an increase of $600,000, would be required for the following:

(a) Costs arising from the recommendations of the External Auditors ($600,000) in the light of the findings of the management audit of the Commission secretariat conducted in response to General Assembly resolution 51/216 of 18 December 1996. The Board of Auditors made specific recommendations on the development of a computerized integrated management information system for the Commission which were detailed in its report (A/52/811). The Commission accepted the recommendations of the Board and requested its secretariat to implement them as soon as possible. A systems study for the design of an integrated management information system has been undertaken by a consulting firm. The overall development costs of the project have been estimated at the range of $2.0 million. A phased approach would be taken in implementing it. The initial costs for the

biennium 2000–2001 have been estimated at $600,000, to meet the requirements according to the project development plan;

(b) Costs relating to specialized studies ($256,100), including analyses of new approaches in the human resources management field with a view of developing standards, methods and arrangements that will respond to the specific needs of the organizations; an update of the New York/Washington, D.C., cost-of-living differential for net remuneration margin calculations; actuarial studies for the comparison of pensions and health-care benefits of selected potential comparators with those offered by the current comparator; and determination of the cost-of-living differential in the context of comparator country studies.

Travel

29.25 Requirements under this heading, at the maintenance level, relate to official travel of staff ($282,000) and travel of staff to meetings ($110,000). Under travel to meetings, resources would enable a limited number of staff to attend the Commission's sessions away from New York in order to provide secretariat services and technical support to the Commission. Other staff travel relates to the following:

(a) Cost-of-living surveys at the six headquarters locations;

(b) Participation by the secretariat in cost-of-living surveys at approximately 10 non-headquarters duty stations;

(c) General Service salary surveys in Geneva, Montreal, Rome and Paris;

(d) Coordination with the authorities of the comparator civil service;

(e) Participation in the subcommittees and working groups of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions;

(f) Reviews of conditions of service in the field in the context of classification of duty stations according to conditions of work and life;

(g) Organization by the secretariat of an annual workshop on the United Nations salaries and post adjustment systems;

(h) Participation by the secretariat in the working groups established by the governing bodies of the organizations and/or the meetings of the governing bodies themselves.

Contractual services

29.26 The provisions under this heading, totalling $17,300, reflect a reduction in requirements of $8,900 and relate to training ($11,200) and external printing ($6,100). The training requirements provide for attendance of the secretariat at highly specialized courses in areas such as human resources development and salary administration. The courses are generally not offered by the United Nations Training Service. The external printing costs relate to the issuance of updated versions of the booklets on the United Nations Common System of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits, as well as on the Post Adjustment System.

General operating expenses

29.27 Provisions of $1,307,900 would cover: (a) rental of premises, including electricity and other maintenance costs ($1,022,500); (b) rental and maintenance of office equipment, such as photocopying machines ($36,000); (c) rental and maintenance of data-processing equipment ($14,100); (d) communications ($129,500); (e) the Commission's share of maintenance of the local area network (LAN) technical infrastructure, as well as maintenance of the office automation equipment at the secretariat ($65,800); and (f) shipment and distribution of documents to Commission members and other miscellaneous expenditures ($39,200). The estimates reflect a reduction in requirement under rental of premises ($300,000), due to a reduction in the rental rates already realized.

Hospitality

29.28 An amount of $4,200 is requested and will be used for the secretariat to host official functions on the occasion of meetings of working groups dealing with specific issues, as well as hospitality extended to officials of international and intergovernmental organizations.

Supplies and materials

29.29 The requirements of $41,800 under this heading relate to the purchase of supplies for office automation equipment, photocopying machines, stationery and general office supplies.

Furniture and equipment

29.30 The requirements of $52,600 under this heading would provide for the regular replacement of office equipment, such as calculators, furniture and filing cabinets ($21,100), and the replacement of data-processing equipment ($31,500).

United Nations share in the cost of the International Civil Service Commission

Table 29.5 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Grants and contributions	9 747.1[a]	3 256.8	1 020.9	31.3	4 277.7	207.8	4 485.5
Total	**9 747.1**	**3 256.8**	**1 020.9**	**31.3**	**4 277.7**	**207.8**	**4 485.5**

[a] Reflects total requirements of ICSC in accordance with arrangements prevailing in that biennium.

Grants and contributions

29.31 The United Nations share of the total cost of the Commission depends on staffing data for participating organizations at the end of 1999. Assuming that this share (including UNHCR and UNRWA) will be approximately the same as the current estimates for the biennium 1998–1999 (36.79 per cent), the share of the United Nations in the total budget of the Commission ($11,627,100) would be $4,277,700 at current rates. On that basis, an appropriation of $4,277,700 (at current rates) is requested. The increase in requirements ($1,020,900) is largely attributable to the fact that, unlike in the biennium 1998–1999, the United Nations share in the costs would incorporate the related shares of UNHCR and UNRWA the requirements for which had been excluded since 1994–1995. Bearing in mind that the United Nations participates in ICSC costs on behalf of those programmes, the Organization would assume the relating costs.

B. Joint Inspection Unit

Overview

29.32 The Joint Inspection Unit, created on an experimental basis in 1968, was established, with effect from 1 January 1974, as a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and of the legislative organs of other participating organizations, in accordance with its statute contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976. It is the only system-wide independent external oversight body. It is jointly financed by its participating organizations and is directly responsible to the General Assembly and to the legislative organs of the other organizations of the United Nations system that accept its statute. In accordance with article 20 of its statute, the Unit's budget is included in the regular budget of the United Nations, and its budget estimates are established by the Secretary-General after consultation with the

Administrative Committee on Coordination on the basis of proposals made by the Unit. Beginning with the biennium 1998–1999, the resources requested for appropriation in the United Nations regular budget are shown on a net basis, and represent provisions only for the United Nations share of the Unit's full budget. The full budget of the Unit is, however, presented to the General Assembly for its consideration and approval.

29.33 According to the statute, the inspectors have the broadest powers of investigation in all matters having a bearing on the efficiency of the services and the proper use of funds and provide an independent view through inspection and evaluation aimed at improving management and methods and at achieving greater coordination among organizations. This is accomplished through an annual work programme consisting of an average of 10 to 12 reports, as well as notes and confidential letters. The Unit submits an annual report on its activities to the General Assembly and to the competent legislative organs of its other participating organizations.

29.34 In line with the directives of the legislative organs of its participating organizations, the Unit takes full advantage of its system-wide competence in undertaking comparative analysis on trends and problems faced by various organizations and proposing harmonized, practical and concrete solutions. It focuses its work on important priority items for the participating organizations, identifying concrete managerial, administrative and programming questions aimed at providing the legislative organs of participating organizations with practical and action-oriented recommendations on precisely defined issues.

Table 29.6 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure (gross budget)**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	7 959.3	7 159.2	–	–	7 159.2	170.4	7 329.6
Other staff costs	27.7	24.9	–	–	24.9	0.4	25.3
Consultants and experts	–	12.2	–	–	12.2	0.2	12.4
Travel	408.5	481.9	21.8	4.5	503.7	24.5	528.2
Contractual services	2.7	25.9	(10.6)	(40.9)	15.3	0.3	15.6
General operating expenses	101.9	93.8	(19.9)	(21.2)	73.9	1.3	75.2
Supplies and materials	7.8	23.6	(9.3)	(39.4)	14.3	0.2	14.5
Furniture and equipment	143.8	41.6	18.0	43.2	59.6	1.1	60.7
Total	**8 651.7**	**7 863.1**	**–**	**–**	**7 863.1**	**198.4**	**8 061.5**

Table 29.7 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Joint Inspection Unit

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998–1999	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*
Professional category and above								
D-2	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
P-5	2	2	–	–	–	–	2	2
P-4/3	5	5	–	–	–	–	5	5
P-2/1	2	2	–	–	–	–	2	2
Total	**10**	**10**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**10**	**10**
General Service category								
Principal level	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
Other level	8	8	–	–	–	–	8	8
Total	**9**	**9**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**9**	**9**
Grand total	**19**	**19**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**19**	**19**

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Inspectors

Posts

29.35 The estimated requirements under this heading ($3,433,100) relate to the salaries and emoluments of 11 inspectors appointed by the General Assembly, as approved by the Assembly in its resolution 31/192.

Other staff costs

29.36 The estimate of $24,900 relates to requirements under general temporary assistance and would cover the costs of secretarial services rendered to inspectors while in New York attending sessions of the General Assembly and on other official business, and the replacement of staff on maternity and sick leave.

Travel

29.37 The estimated requirements under this heading ($503,700), reflecting an increase of $21,800, relate to travel of inspectors with respect to the following activities:

(a) Three technical cooperation/humanitarian assistance/peacekeeping studies per year with preparation of related reports, each involving travel of one inspector and one research staff to the field and to the headquarters of at least two participating organizations;

(b) Preparation of four administrative/management system-wide reports per year, each involving travel of two inspectors and one research staff to the headquarters of at least three participating organizations;

(c) Preparation of four administrative/management single organization reports per year, each involving travel of an average of one inspector and one research staff to the headquarters of one participating organization, a regional commission, or two other duty stations;

(d) Travel of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, designated inspector and/or the Executive Secretary for management and administrative meetings/discussions and for the travel of the Unit representation to attend meetings of legislative organs of participating organizations involving two missions per year

to United Nations Headquarters, one mission to the headquarters of one other participating organization and one mission to a regional commission;

(e) Travel of inspectors to present reports to the General Assembly, its subsidiary bodies and the legislative organs of participating organizations, involving travel of 11 inspectors to United Nations Headquarters or to headquarters of other participating organizations.

Secretariat of the Unit

Posts

29.38 The requirements under this heading, amounting to $3,726,100, relate to continuation of the Unit's ten established posts in the Professional category and above, including a D-2 post for the Executive Secretary; one General Service (Principal level) post and eight General Service (Other level) posts; eight posts for the research officers (two P-5, two P-4, two P-3 and two P-2) and one P-3 post for the information technology officer; three posts for the research assistants; and six posts for the support staff (all at the General Service level).

Consultants and experts

29.39 The proposed amount of $12,200 relates to provision of specialized advice to the inspectors in areas where the required expertise is lacking. Although technical support is provided for the Unit's studies by the organizations, impartial outside advice is sometimes necessary, primarily to assist in the analysis and interpretation of data, to comment on the technical soundness of findings and recommendations and to make observations on draft reports.

Contractual services

29.40 The provision of $15,300 requested under this heading would cover the cost of training in information technology ($9,300) and data-processing and broadcasting services ($6,000). In connection with staff training, while the programme is centrally administered by the Office of Human Resources Management, the resources are requested under the Unit budget, since these are also financed by other organizations.

General operating expenses

29.41 The requirements amount to $73,900 and relate to the following expenditures:

(a) Rental and maintenance of equipment estimated at $2,000, which would cover one facsimile machine, existing contracts, and maintenance costs of other office automation equipment ($6,700). In view of significant investments made in office automation during the biennium, most of the office automation equipment will remain under warranty. Accordingly, it is anticipated that maintenance expenditures under this item will be at a reduced level;

(b) Communications ($65,200), relate to the costs of cables and telex charges, telephone rental, installation and related charges and postage and diplomatic pouch service.

Supplies and materials

29.42 The estimated requirements under this heading ($14,300) relate to supplies for office automation equipment, laser and ink-jet printer and fax cartridges, stationery and office supplies, internal reproduction supplies and to specialized books and subscriptions to periodicals.

Furniture and equipment

29.43 A provision of $59,600 relates to costs associated with the programme of development of information technology within the Unit following the recommendations of the Technical Innovations Committee of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

United Nations share in the cost of the Joint Inspection Unit

Table 29.8 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Grants and contributions	8 651.7[a]	1 645.8	1 012.0	61.4	2 657.8	48.1	2 705.9
Total	**8 651.7**	**1 645.8**	**1 012.0**	**61.4**	**2 657.8**	**48.1**	**2 705.9**

[a] Reflects total requirements of the Unit in accordance with arrangements prevailing in that biennium.

Grants and contributions

29.44 The share of the United Nations in the total costs of the Unit will depend on expenditure data for participating organizations at the end of 1999. Assuming that this share (including UNHCR and UNRWA) will be approximately the same as the current estimates in 1998–1999 (33.80 per cent), the share of the United Nations in the estimated cost of the programme ($7,863,100) would amount to $2,657,800 at current rates. Accordingly, an appropriation of $2,657,800 (at current rates), reflecting an increase of $1,012,000, is requested. The increase is attributable to the fact that, unlike in the biennium 1998–1999, the United Nations share in the costs of JIU would incorporate the related shares of UNHCR and UNRWA, the requirements for which had been excluded since the biennium 1994–1995. In view of the fact that the United Nations participates in the cost of the Unit on behalf of those two programmes, the Organization would assume the related costs.

C. Information Systems Coordination Committee

Overview

29.45 The Information Systems Coordination Committee was established by the Administrative Committee on Coordination in October 1993 as a successor body to the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems, which in turn was established by the Administrative Committee on Coordination in 1983, in response to Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/71 of 10 November 1982, for ensuring the efficient operation of United Nations information systems for users at the national level and to enhance their capacity to collect, retrieve and disseminate information.

29.46 The functions of the Information Systems Coordination Committee include the following:

(a) Providing advice and medium and long-term strategic views to the Administrative Committee on Coordination on information systems technology and services of the United Nations system organizations and reporting to the Administrative Committee on Coordination on those issues;

(b) Providing a forum for the exchange of information among the information system managers of the various organizations of the United Nations system;

(c) Reviewing implementation of information and telecommunication systems standards and recommended practices by the organizations of the United Nations system and advising on those areas where recommended practices might be adopted and information technology standardized;

(d) Functioning as an electronic repository on information system developments within the United Nations system.

29.47 The present estimates relate to a proposal for approval of the United Nations share in the Committee budget for the biennium 2000–2001. The gross budget of the Committee was reviewed, on behalf of the

Administrative Committee on Coordination, by the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions) at its eighty-ninth session, held in February 1999. The gross budget of the Committee is presented below.

Table 29.9 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	340.9	420.2	–	–	420.2	6.3	426.5
Other staff costs	353.0	383.7	(332.3)	(86.6)	51.4	1.0	52.4
Consultants and experts	287.9	197.6	386.8	195.7	584.4	10.5	594.9
Travel	37.2	20.0	17.1	85.5	37.1	1.8	38.9
Contractual services	172.1	67.9	(23.5)	(34.6)	44.4	0.8	45.2
General operating expenses	15.9	69.6	14.2	20.4	83.8	1.5	85.3
Supplies and materials	3.0	25.4	(14.4)	(56.6)	11.0	0.2	11.2
Furniture and equipment	16.0	120.3	(47.9)	(39.8)	72.4	1.4	73.8
Total	**1 226.0**	**1 304.7**	**–**	**–**	**1 304.7**	**23.5**	**1 328.2**

Table 29.10 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Information Systems Coordination Committee

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998–1999	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
Total	**1**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**1**
General Service category								
Other level	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
Total	**1**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**1**
Grand total	**2**	**2**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**2**

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Total requirements of the Committee

Posts

29.48 The estimated requirements of $420,200 relate to the provision for continuation of one D-1 post for the Secretary of the Information Systems Coordination Committee, supported by one General Service (Other level) staff.

Other staff costs

29.49 The provision of $51,400 relates to general temporary assistance to be used as follows: (a) to assist the Committee secretariat in operating of the Internet server, help desk and system administration for the Official Web Site Locator for the United Nations system; and (b) to assist the Committee secretariat in servicing the annual meeting, in preparing for interest group and task force meetings.

Consultants and experts

29.50 The provision of $584,400, including an increase of $386,800, would be required: (a) to undertake specialized studies on behalf of the various task forces concerning document and archive systems, Internet technologies, library support and information service and telecommunications. The services will be provided by individual consultants and/or specialized consulting firms. The additional requirements will be financed through redeployment of funds from within the Committee budget.

Travel

29.51 The estimated requirements under this heading ($37,100) relate to: (a) official travel of the Committee Secretary for participation in inter-agency meetings outside Geneva, the International Computing Centre (ICC) Management Committee meetings to be held outside Geneva and attendance at seminars on information technology issues to be organized by outside organizations.

Contractual services

29.52 The estimated requirements ($44,400) relate to reimbursement to ICC for the mainframe services.

General operating expenses

29.53 The estimated resources ($83,800) would cover the cost of leases for various office equipment; communications, including the cost of additional Internet usage and electronic and videoconferencing facilities; and maintenance of the Internet server, data-processing systems and other office automation equipment.

Supplies and materials

29.54 The proposed provision under this heading ($11,000) relates to stationery and other office supplies, including photocopy and computer supplies, and subscriptions to serials in the information technology field and reference documents.

Furniture and equipment

29.55 The proposed provision under this heading ($72,400) relates to replacement of office automation equipment in accordance with established guidelines, including the Committee's share in costs of LAN equipment.

United Nations share in the cost of the Information Systems Coordination Committee secretariat

Table 29.11 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Grants and contributions	336.0	357.5	100.8	28.1	458.3	8.2	466.5
Total	**336.0**	**357.5**	**100.8**	**28.1**	**458.3**	**8.2**	**466.5**

Grants and contributions

29.56 The share of the United Nations in the budget of the Committee will depend on staffing data for participating organizations at the end of 1999. Assuming that this share will be approximately the same as the current estimates in the biennium 1998–1999 (35.13 per cent), the share of the United Nations in the estimated costs of the programme would be $458,300 at current rates. On that basis, an appropriation of $458,300, reflecting an increase of $100,800, is requested. The increase ($100,800) is attributable to the fact that, unlike in the biennium 1998–1999, the United Nations share in the costs would incorporate the related shares of UNHCR and UNRWA, the requirements for which had been excluded since the biennium 1994–1995. Bearing in

mind the fact that the United Nations participates in the Information Systems Coordination Committee costs on behalf of those programmes, the Organization would assume the related costs.

D. Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions

Overview

29.57 The Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions is a subsidiary organ of the Administrative Committee on Coordination. Its general objectives are the improvement and harmonization of administrative practices in the organizations of the United Nations system and the promotion of efficiency and economy through management reform of their administrative operations. The fields in which these objectives are pursued are those of personnel, budget, finance and general administration (management systems, travel operations, procurement and other general services).

29.58 The need for coordination in such fields was recognized from the inception of the United Nations system and the activities of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions initiated in February 1948. In its area of competence, the Committee is responsible for dealing with and agreeing on questions coming before it without prejudice to the authority of the Administrative Committee on Coordination itself.

29.59 Of particular importance in the work of the Committee are requirements related to action by central intergovernmental bodies concerned with system-wide coordination (the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Committee for Programme and Coordination) and central expert bodies responsible for investigation, examination, regulation and control in administrative areas (the International Civil Service Commission, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Joint Inspection Unit and the Panel of External Auditors of the United Nations, the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency). The Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions also addresses matters of system-wide concern brought to its attention by individual participating organizations.

29.60 The Committee operates through regular meetings of senior administrators, which are normally held separately, twice a year, in each of its two general areas of concern, personnel and general administrative questions being dealt with by the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions) and financial and budgetary questions by the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions). Specialized subjects are considered by standing subcommittees or ad hoc technical working groups, as necessary. Many of the activities of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions), as well as its meetings, are coordinated with those of the International Civil Service Commission, at which it represents the executive heads of the organizations and is responsible for putting forward the common positions of the administrations on all issues under consideration. More recently, high-level meetings of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions as a whole have also been periodically convened to discuss experience on managerial improvements and to formulate recommendations thereon to the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

29.61 Support for the work of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions is provided by a small inter-organization secretariat funded by the member organizations, the United Nations and its programmes, each of the specialized agencies (except the World Bank and IMF), IAEA and WTO.

29.62 The proposed gross budget of the Committee for the biennium 2000–2001, which is presented herewith, was reviewed by the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions) at its eighty-ninth session, held in February 1999.

Table 29.12 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	1 443.2	1 099.0	–	–	1 099.0	18.8	1 117.8
Consultants and experts	8.7	20.6	–	–	20.6	0.4	21.0
Travel	138.9	103.1	19.4	18.8	122.5	6.0	128.5
Contractual services	117.9	96.8	(18.9)	(19.5)	77.9	1.4	79.3
General operating expenses	27.9	30.8	0.7	0.2	31.5	0.6	32.1
Supplies and materials	2.3	8.9	(1.2)	(13.4)	7.7	0,2	7.9
Furniture and equipment	11.8	6.8	–	–	6.8	0.2	7.0
Total	**1 750.7**	**1 366.0**	**–**	**–**	**1 366.0**	**27.6**	**1 393.6**

Table 29.13 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998–1999	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*
Professional category and above								
D-1	2	2	–	–	–	–	2	2
P-5	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
P-4/3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
P-2/1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**3**	**3**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**3**	**3**
General Service category								
Other level	2	2	–	–	–	–	2	2
Total	**2**	**2**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**2**
Grand total	**5**	**5**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**–**	**5**	**5**

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Total requirements of the Committee

Posts

29.63 The estimated requirements of $1,099,000 would provide for continuation of two D-1, one P-5 and two General Service (Other level) posts in the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions secretariat for implementation of its programme of work.

Consultants and experts

29.64 The resources proposed under this heading ($20,600) would cover the cost of studies relating to analysis of personnel data and individual entitlements.

Travel

29.65 The estimated requirement under this heading ($122,500) relates to: (a) travel of the Committee's staff to sessions of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions) and the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions) held outside Geneva and attendance at regular sessions of the International Civil Service Commission, in conjunction with the regular sessions of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions); (b) travel to meetings of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions as a whole and working parties of the Committee and the International Civil Service Commission held at the headquarters of participating organizations outside Geneva; and (c) travel, as required, to meetings of the Fifth Committee and the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

Contractual services

29.66 The estimate of $77,900 relates to data-processing and other contractual services costs, in particular the cost of computer time, data storage, direct access, and software licence upgrade required for the development, processing and maintenance of the Committee personnel database, development of Internet Web pages and the use of electronic mail facilities.

General operating expenses

29.67 The estimated resources under this heading ($31,500) would cover the maintenance costs for data-processing and facsimile equipment; and communications, such as long-distance telephone, postage, pouch and delivery service incurred by the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions secretariat.

Supplies and materials

29.68 The proposed provision under this heading ($7,700) relates to supplies for data processing, text-processing, and specialized reference publications, notably in the field of executive remuneration and development of accounting standards.

Furniture and equipment

29.69 The estimated requirements under this heading ($6,800) would provide for the acquisition/replacement of data-processing and text-processing equipment, and acquisition of software licences in accordance with United Nations guidelines.

United Nations share in the cost of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions secretariat

Table 29.14 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Grants and contributions	502.8	392.5	110.1	28.0	502.6	9.1	511.7
Total	**502.8**	**392.5**	**110.1**	**28.0**	**502.6**	**9.1**	**511.7**

Grants and contributions

29.70 The share of the United Nations in the budget of the Committee will depend on staffing data for participating organizations at the end of 1999. Assuming that this share will be approximately the same as the current estimates in 1998–1999 (36.79 per cent), the share of the United Nations in the estimated costs of the programme ($1,366,000) would amount to $502,600 at current rates. On that basis, an appropriation of $502,600, reflecting an increase of $110,100, is requested. The increase ($110,100) is attributable to the fact that, unlike in the biennium 1998–1999, the United Nations share in the costs would incorporate the

related shares of UNHCR and UNRWA, the requirements for which had been excluded since the biennium 1994–1995. Bearing in mind the fact that the United Nations participates in the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions costs on behalf of those programmes, the Organization would assume the related costs.

E. Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions

Overview

29.71 The Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions was established by the Administrative Committee on Coordination in April 1993 as one of its principal subsidiary organs. More than 30 different United Nations system entities currently participate regularly in the Committee's meetings, together with the five regional economic commissions and a number of entities, such as the United Nations Office for Project Services and the United Nations Volunteers and others.

29.72 The Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions is required to advise and assist the Administrative Committee on Coordination in promoting complementarities and in mobilizing the United Nations system's analytical, normative and operational capacities for economic and social development in support of common goals and agreed strategies. It has particular responsibility for analysing and developing the system's response to global, regional and national objectives and priorities; for promoting programme coordination and collaborative arrangements within the system, including effective harmonization of activities at the field level; preparing recommendations to the Administrative Committee on Coordination on policy options and measures in response to guidance and requests from intergovernmental bodies; and for providing general overview of the work of several designated subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

29.73 The Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions holds two regular sessions a year, usually prior to the corresponding spring and autumn sessions of the Administrative Committee on Coordination. The work of the Committee is also carried out by subsidiary bodies such as the Working Group on the Resident Coordinator System, and the Advisory Panel on Operational Activities Training. The former, which holds about five to six meetings per year, also provides the Committee with an inter-sessional capacity to deal with operational activities issues, particularly in relation to the reforms being carried out by the United Nations and having system-wide implications. Other time-bound inter-agency consultative mechanisms are constituted according to need, such as the Working Group on Poverty, the Technical Working Group on the Administrative Committee on Coordination Programme Classification and the Working Group on the Role of the United Nations System in Post-Conflict Situations.

29.74 The current work programme of the Committee includes issues such as the follow-up to global conferences, collaboration with non-governmental organizations, the strengthening of the Resident Coordinator system, inter-agency collaboration in the field of poverty eradication, the role of the United Nations system in post-conflict recovery, programming processes for operational activities, and regional cooperation.

29.75 The budget of the Committee secretariat is jointly financed by the United Nations, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA, UNRWA, UNHCR, WFP, ILO, FAO, UNESCO, ICAO, WHO, UPU, ITU, WMO, IMO, WIPO, UNIDO and IAEA, on the basis of a cost-sharing formula reflecting overall expenditures by member organizations. Other support, notably in connection with the servicing of the Committee's regular sessions, is provided by the United Nations. The United Nations Office at Geneva provides accommodation to the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions secretariat at the Palais des Nations and certain support services, such as personnel administration, budget and finance.

29.76 The gross proposed budget of the Committee, which is presented below, was reviewed by the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions) at its eighty-ninth session, held in February 1999.

Table 29.15 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	814.8	698.4	–	–	698.4	12.4	710.8
Other staff costs	7.2	3.9	(0.9)	(23.0)	3.0	–	3.0
Consultants and experts	49.0	32.1	(3.4)	(10.5)	28.7	0.6	29.3
Travel	50.1	60.8	(0.5)	(0.8)	60.3	2.9	63.2
Contractual services	–	0.7	–	–	0.7	–	0.7
General operating expenses	17.5	18.2	3.0	16.4	21.2	0.3	21.5
Supplies and materials	10.3	5.3	–	–	5.3	–	5.3
Furniture and equipment	5.0	0.7	1.8	257.1	2.5	–	2.5
Total	**953.9**	**820.1**	**–**	**–**	**820.1**	**16.2**	**836.3**

Table 29.16 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions

	Established posts		*Temporary posts*					
	Regular budget		*Regular budget*		*Extrabudgetary resources*		*Total*	
	1998–1999	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*	*1998–1999*	*2000–2001*
Professional category and above								
D-1	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	1
P-4/3	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	1
Total	**–**	**–**	**2**	**2**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**2**
General Service category								
Other level	–	–	1	1	–	–	1	1
Total	**–**	**–**	**1**	**1**	**–**	**–**	**1**	**1**
Grand total	**–**	**–**	**3**	**3**	**–**	**–**	**3**	**3**

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Total requirements of the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions

Posts

29.77 The estimated requirements ($698,400) would provide for continuation of two posts in the Professional category and above (one D-1 and one P-4) and one General Service (Other level) post.

Other staff costs

29.78 The provision of $3,000 relates to general temporary assistance and would provide for ten working days of secretarial assistance per year in order to assist in the servicing of the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions meetings, working groups and task forces held away from the Palais des Nations and outside Geneva.

Consultants and experts

29.79 The resources required under this heading ($28,700) would cover consultant services for the in-depth analysis of the wide range of technical issues on which the secretariat lacks sufficient expertise.

Travel

29.80 The estimated requirements under this heading ($60,300) relate to travel of staff to Headquarters to attend sessions of the Second Committee of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Executive Board of UNDP, and travel to participate in meetings of inter-agency bodies, workshops, seminars and informal consultations.

Contractual services

29.81 The estimated requirements under this heading ($700) would provide for data-processing services which relate to software updates and Internet fees.

General operating expenses

29.82 The provision of $21,200 relates to rental and maintenance of a photocopying machine, communications costs and maintenance of office and electronic data-processing equipment.

Supplies and materials

29.83 The proposed provision under this heading ($5,300) relates largely to supplies required for updating the Committee's *Operational Activities Reference Manual*.

Furniture and equipment

29.84 The estimated requirements under this heading ($2,500) relate to the acquisition of computer applications, in particular for enhancing the Committee's Web site.

United Nations share in the cost of the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions secretariat

Table 29.17 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Grants and contributions	191.3	171.6	105.6	61.5	277.2	5.0	282.2
Total	**191.3**	**171.6**	**105.6**	**61.5**	**277.2**	**5.0**	**282.2**

Grants and contributions

29.85 The share of the United Nations will depend on expenditure data for participating organizations at the end of 1999. Assuming that this share will be approximately the same as the current estimates in the biennium 1998–1999 (33.80 per cent), the share of the United Nations in the estimated cost of the programme ($820,100) would amount to $277,200 at current rates. On that basis, an appropriation in the amount of $277,200, reflecting an increase of $105,600, is requested. The increase is attributable to the fact that, unlike in the biennium 1998–1999, the United Nations share in the costs would incorporate the related shares of UNHCR and UNRWA, the requirements for which had been excluded since the biennium 1994–1995. Bearing in mind the fact that the United Nations participates in the Consultative Committee on Programme and Operational Questions costs on behalf of those programmes, the Organization would assume the related costs.

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Section 30
Special expenses

Overview

30.1 Under section 30, Special expenses, resources are provided to cover specific expenditure requirements for (a) after-service health insurance; (b) compensatory payments; (c) general insurance charges; (d) bank charges; (e) interorganizational security measures; and (f) pension payments to former Secretaries-General.

Table 30.1 **Summary of requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	1996-1997 expenditures	1998-1999 appropriations	Resource growth: Amount	Resource growth: Percentage	Total before recosting	Recosting	2000-2001 estimates
A. After-service health insurance	37 102.3	46 816.9	(2 539.3)	(5.4)	44 277.6	3 995.6	48 273.2
B. Compensatory payments	1 617.3	1 851.0	–	–	1 851.0	84.6	1 935.6
C. General insurance	1 047.2	1 246.5	–	–	1 246.5	60.5	1 307.0
D. Bank charges	183.3	1 131.1	(446.2)	(39.4)	684.9	33.3	718.2
E. Interorganizational security measures	520.6	987.7	(79.0)	(7.9)	908.7	45.7	954.4
F. Pension payments to former Secretaries-General	568.1	651.1	–	–	651.1	48.9	700.0
Total	**41 038.8**	**52 684.3**	**(3 064.5)**	**(5.8)**	**49 619.8**	**4 268.6**	**53 888.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996-1997 expenditures	1998-1999 estimates	Source of funds	2000-2001 estimates
		(a) Services in support of	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
		(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	
		Support to extrabudgetary substantive activities and	
–	3 404.0	administrative structures	4 666.3
148.4	109.7	Support to peacekeeping operations	282.2
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for Security of Staff Members of the United Nations	
–	363.0	system	571.4
–	–	(c) Operational projects	–
Total	**148.4**	**3 876.7**	**5 519.9**
Total (1) and (2)	**41 187.2**	**56 561.0**	**59 408.3**

Table 30.2 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Other staff costs	38 719.6	48 667.9	(2 539.3)	(5.2)	46 128.6	4 080.2	50 208.8
Non-staff compensation	568.1	651.1	–	–	651.1	48.9	700.0
General operating expenses	1 230.5	2 377.6	(446.2)	(18.7)	1 931.4	93.8	2 025.2
Grants and contributions	520.6	987.7	(79.0)	(7.9)	908.7	45.7	954.4
Total	**41 038.8**	**52 684.3**	**(3 064.5)**	**(5.8)**	**49 619.8**	**4 268.6**	**53 888.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996-1997 expenditures	*1998-1999 estimates*	*Object of expenditure*	*2000-2001 estimates*
148.4	109.7	Posts[a]	261.2
–	3 404.0	Other staff costs	4 666.3
–	292.7	Consultants and experts	489.6
–	41.1	Travel	54.8
–	8.5	Operating expenses	38.0
–	20.7	Equipment	10.0
Total	**148.4**	**3 876.7**	**5 519.9**
Total (1) and (2)	**41 187.2**	**56 561.0**	**59 408.3**

[a] One P-4 post is funded from the support account for peacekeeping operations in the jointly financed Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator, the post requirements for which are shown in table 30.9.

A. After-service health insurance

Table 30.3 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Other staff costs	37 102.3	46 816.9	(2 539.3)	(5.4)	44 277.6	3 995.6	48 273.2
Total	**37 102.3**	**46 816.9**	**(2 539.3)**	**(5.4)**	**44 277.6**	**3 995.6**	**48 273.2**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	1998–1999 estimates	Source of funds	2000–2001 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
		(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	
		Support of extrabudgetary substantive activities and	
–	3 404.0	administrative structures	4 666.3
–	–	(b) Substantive activities	–
–	–	(c) Operational projects	–
Total	**–**	**3 404.0**	**4 666.3**
Total (1) and (2)	**37 102.3**	**50 220.9**	**52 939.5**

30.2 After-service health insurance coverage (for hospitalization, medical and dental expenses) is provided to retired staff members and their dependants in accordance with a General Assembly decision taken at its twenty-first session. By the same decision, coverage is also provided to staff members whose appointment is terminated as a result of disability. In all cases, coverage is available only to those who are eligible to receive a periodic benefit from the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund or under the rules governing compensation for service-incurred death, injury or illness. Based on General Assembly resolution 38/235 of 20 December 1983, the cost-sharing ratio applicable is 2 to 1 between the Organization and the participants.

30.3 By its resolution 40/258 of 18 December 1985, the General Assembly decided to extend the after-service health insurance coverage to former locally recruited staff who participated in a medical expense assistance plan under appendix E to the Staff Rules.

30.4 Following retirement, staff members are eligible for subsidized after-service coverage if they have participated in a United Nations system contributory health insurance plan for at least 10 years and are participating in a United Nations plan at the time of retirement. Staff members who upon retirement have participated in a United Nations contributory plan for at least five years are also eligible, provided that they pay the full premium for the period for which their participation falls short of the 10-year requirement for subsidized participation. Analysis of the enrolment indicates that for the biennium 2000–2001, some 89.2 per cent of participants will be encumbering regular budget posts at the time of retirement, and the remaining 10.8 per cent of participants would retire from extrabudgetary posts.

30.5 The after-service health insurance programme has since grown in terms of both the number of participants and cost. Experience in 1997 and 1998 reflected a somewhat lower than normal rate of increase in both enrolment and medical costs, however. As a result of the recent favourable budgetary experience of that period, growth in the total cost of the programme has slowed during the current biennium. This situation is not expected to continue, however, as the long-term underlying demographic and cost factors remain unchanged. It is expected that in 1999 the enrolment increase will return to its average level experienced before and will continue to grow as an increasing number of staff reach retirement age. The premium costs will also be increasing as the benefits gained from one-time cost-containment measures introduced in 1996–1997 have levelled off and medical costs are rising again. The average subsidy per retiree is expected to increase accordingly. Nonetheless, the reduced growth experienced during the biennium 1998–1999 had a delayed impact on the level of the estimated requirements for the biennium 2000–2001, which is reflected in the proposed decrease in resources in the amount of $2,539,300.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Other staff costs

30.6 The estimated requirements of $44,277,600, including a decrease of $2,539,300, are based on an anticipated annual increase in membership in the insurance programme and in insurance premiums during the biennium 2000–2001. The estimates also reflect a mitigating effect of the cost reduction due to a slow down in membership growth and premium subsidy in the past two years as a result of the prevailing trends during that period.

B. Compensatory payments

Table 30.4 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Other staff costs	1 617.3	1 851.0	–	–	1 851.0	84.6	1 935.6
Total	**1 617.3**	**1 851.0**	**–**	**–**	**1 851.0**	**84.6**	**1 935.6**

30.7 The estimates under compensatory payments provide for compensation to members of commissions, committees or other similar United Nations bodies in the event of death, injury or illness attributable to service with the United Nations. The responsibilities of the United Nations in this area, as well as the rules governing compensatory payments, are detailed in Secretary-General's bulletin ST/SGB/103/Rev.1.

30.8 Compensation is also provided to staff members or their dependants in the event of death, injury or illness attributable to the performance by the staff member of official duties on behalf of the United Nations. The compensation is governed by the specific rules under appendix D to the Staff Rules (ST/SGB/Staff Rules/Appendix D/Rev.1/Amend.1).

30.9 The costs incurred on both those accounts may include death annuities, monthly benefits for incapacity resulting from injury or illness, lump-sum indemnities for permanent disabilities and medical, hospital and other directly related expenses.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Other staff costs

30.10 Resource requirements for compensatory payments are estimated at the maintenance level of $1,851,000. The estimates are based on data for the years 1996 to 1998.

C. General insurance

Table 30.5 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
General operating expenses	1 047.2	1 246.5	–	–	1 246.5	60.5	1 307.0
Total	**1 047.2**	**1 246.5**	**–**	**–**	**1 246.5**	**60.5**	**1 307.0**

30.11 The provisions under general insurance relate mainly to insurance of the buildings and property at United Nations Headquarters, including automobiles and works of art, as well as to insurance of aircraft used for travel by the Secretary-General and not owned by the United Nations and insurance for other air travel. In addition, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 41/210 of 11 December 1986, the United Nations has established a self-insurance plan for general liability risk in respect of acts occurring within the Headquarters district in the United States of America.

Resource requirements (at current rates)

General operating expenses

30.12 Property and liability insurance rates are projected to be relatively stable in the biennium 2000-2001 based on trends foreseen at the present time. As a result, the requirements sought under this heading are at the maintenance level. Included in the estimated requirement of $1,246,500 for general insurance are provisions of $777,500 for commercial insurance and $469,000 for general liability insurance. General liability insurance is broken down as follows:

	(United States dollars)
(a) Cost of irrevocable letter of credit (in replacement of costs of purchased certificates of insurance	13 800
(b) Costs of liability claims processing and associated legal expenses and expert advice	55 200
(c) Two annual instalments ($200,000 each) for the liability reserve fund under the self-insurance plan in accordance with General Assembly resolution 41/210	400 000
Total	**469 000**

D. Bank charges

Table 30.6 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
General operating expenses	183.3	1 131.1	(446.2)	(39.4)	684.9	33.3	718.2
Total	**183.3**	**1 131.1**	**(446.2)**	**(39.4)**	**684.9**	**33.3**	**718.2**

Resource requirements (at current rates)

General operating expenses

30.13 The estimated requirement of $684,900 relates to transaction costs and other fees for services provided by banks and is based on the current volume of banking transactions. These costs are more than offset by interest income earned on cash balances, which will be budgeted under income section 2. United Nations bank balances in United States dollars earn a full market rate of interest, and bank fees are based on rates established through competitive bidding. Increased fees will be avoided in the biennium 2000–2001 as a result of the implementation of the new electronic payment system, which will automate many of the payment processing functions performed by banks. A decrease of $446,200 reflects the actual charge trends experienced since the introduction of the new charging arrangements initially reported in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999.

E. Interorganizational security measures

1. United Nations share

Table 30.7 **Estimates for interorganizational security measures**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Grants and contributions	520.6	987.7	(79.0)	(7.9)	908.7	45.7	954.4
Total	**520.6**	**987.7**	**(79.0)**	**(7.9)**	**908.7**	**45.7**	**954.4**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996–1997 expenditures	*1998–1999 estimates*	*Source of funds*	*2000–2001 estimates*
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
		(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	
148.4	109.7	Support to peacekeeping operations	282.2
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for Security of Staff Members of the United Nations	
–	363.0	System	571.4
–	–	(c) Operational projects	–
148.4	**472.7**		**853.6**
669.0	**1 460.4**		**1 808.0**

30.14 Beginning with the 1996–1997 programme budget, the United Nations share of the costs of (a) insurance coverage for hazardous duty stations and (b) the staff of the United Nations Security Coordinator was included in the United Nations regular budget. The provision of the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures would continue to apply to security expenses for which requirements cannot be foreseen at this stage, such as evacuations, provision of movable equipment for security purposes, short-

term security personnel in an emergency, and field security missions deemed necessary by the United Nations Security Coordinator. All costs included in the programme budget, as well as those incurred under the resolution on unforeseen and extraordinary expenditures, are apportioned to organizations in accordance with the formula agreed on by the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

30.15 The United Nations Security Coordinator acts on behalf of the Secretary-General to ensure a coherent response by the United Nations to any emergency situation and is responsible for all policy/procedural matters related to security, including decisions related to all aspects of evacuation. The United Nations Security Coordinator formulates detailed recommendations aimed at ensuring the safety and security of staff members and eligible family members of the entire United Nations system, initiates discussions with representatives of agencies, political departments and other relevant offices in the Organization on current and potential security-related problems and is responsible for coordinating, planning and implementing inter-agency security and safety programmes and for acting as the focal point for inter-agency cooperation.

30.16 The Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator currently consists of two Professional (one D-1 and one P-3) and two General Service (Other level) staff members who, following a decision by the Administrative Committee on Coordination, are funded on an inter-agency basis. In addition, one P-4 post is funded from the support account for peacekeeping operations, and five posts are provided on non-reimbursable loan basis, by UNDP (1 P-5 and 1 General Service (Other level)), WFP (1 P-4 and 1 General Service (Other level)) and UNICEF, UNHCR and WFP jointly (1 P-4).

30.17 The main objectives of the Office are to ensure that staff members of the organizations of the United Nations system are able to carry out their functions in an atmosphere of safety and security and to take whatever actions are required to remove them when they are no longer able to operate in safety.

Outputs

(a) *Parliamentary services*. Parliamentary documentation: annual report of the Secretary-General on respect for the privileges and immunities of officials of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and related organizations;

(b) *Other substantive activities*. Technical material: United Nations Field Security Handbook and United Nations Security Operations Manual;

(c) *Coordination, harmonization and liaison (RB/XB)*

(i) Coordination with organizations of the United Nations system on all aspects of inter-agency security cooperation, including planning and implementing of inter-agency security and safety programmes, as well as organizing and managing the evacuation of United Nations system staff, as necessary;

(ii) Maintaining liaison with permanent missions of Member States as necessary;

(iii) Annual reports to the Administrative Committee on Coordination through the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions) and the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions);

(iv) Developing an interorganizational programme for critical incident stress management, including the development of training programmes and strategies for use by organizations in responding to emergency situations in which staff have been affected by violence;

(v) Organizing and conducting seminars and inter-agency meetings on an ad hoc basis, including preparation of all documentation required therefor;

(vi) Monthly security/travel advisories and daily updates on security issues;

(vii) Coordinating all issues and actions required in the case of arrest and detention of staff or dependants;

(viii) Coordinating all issues and actions required in the case of hostage-taking or kidnapping of staff or dependants;

(d) *Administrative support services (RB/XB)*

(i) Monitoring the prevailing level of security risk for each field office;

(ii) Assessing the level of security planning and preparedness and ensuring the viability of a specific detailed security plan at each duty station for both international and national staff;

(iii) Briefing staff prior to assignment to their duty station;

(iv) Collecting, interpreting and disseminating information regarding potential threats to security of staff;

(v) Organizing, managing and coordinating evacuation of United Nations staff and dependants as necessary;

(vi) Supervising and instructing the field-based corps of field security officers, who are hired on an inter-agency basis by UNDP;

(vii) Undertaking security-related evaluation missions to appraise specific aspects of security on site;

(viii) Developing, organizing and presenting security-related training programmes and organizing training seminars in cooperation with the United Nations training service and the training services of other organizations;

(ix) Conducting investigations, as required, into the deaths of staff members who died in the field under suspicious circumstances;

(x) Managing the malicious acts insurance policy, covering approximately 20,000 staff members.

30.18 In accordance with the formula agreed on by the Administrative Committee on Coordination, the share of the United Nations for the cost of interorganizational security measures is estimated at $908,700, based on an estimated percentage share of 16.2 per cent of the cost of the Office and 20 per cent of the cost of insurance coverage. The total requirements for the activities are contained in table 30.8.

2. Total requirements for interorganizational security measures (full budget)

Table 30.8 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Jointly financed budget*

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Posts	725.0	698.9	39.5	5.6	738.4	46.5	784.9
Other staff costs	2 354.5	3 758.5	(36.9)	(0.9)	3 721.6	180.8	3 902.4
Travel	48.4	213.9	(4.8)	(2.2)	209.1	10.1	219.2
General operating expenses	405.4[a]	250.0	(190.2)	(76.0)	59.8	3.0	62.8
Supplies and materials	–	6.8	(1.4)	(20.5)	5.4	0.2	5.6
Furniture and equipment	–	10.2	(8.7)	(85.2)	1.5	0.1	1.6
Total	**3 533.3**	**4 938.3**	**(202.5)**	**(4.1)**	**4 735.8**	**240.7**	**4 976.5**

(2) *Extrabudgetary resources*

1996-1997 expenditures	1998-1999 estimates	Source of funds	2000-2001 estimates
		(a) Services in support of:	
–	–	(i) United Nations organizations	–
		(ii) Extrabudgetary activities	
148.4	109.7	Support to peacekeeping operations	282.2
		(b) Substantive activities	
		Trust Fund for Security of Staff Members of the United Nations	
–	363.0	System	571.4
–	–	(c) Operational projects	–
148.4	**472.7**	**Total**	**853.6**
3 681.7	**5 411.0**	**Total (1) and (2)**	**5 830.1**

[a] Including supplies and equipment

Table 30.9 **Post requirements**

Organizational unit: Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator

	Established posts		Temporary posts					
	Regular budget		Regular budget		Extrabudgetary resources		Total	
	1998-1999	2000-2001	1998-1999	2000-2001	1998-1999	2000-2001	1998-1999	2000-2001
Professional category and above								
D-1	1	1	–	–	–	–	1	1
P-5	–	–	–	–	1	1	1	1
P-4/3	1	1	–	–	3	3	4	4
P-2/1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total	**2**	**2**	**–**	**–**	**4[a]**	**4[a]**	**6**	**6**
General Service category								
Other level	2	2	–	–	2	2	4	4
Total	**2**	**2**	**–**	**–**	**2**	**2**	**4**	**4**
Grand total	**4**	**4**	**–**	**–**	**6**	**6**	**10**	**10**

[a] Includes one P-4 post financed from the support account for peacekeeping operations and five posts provided on non-reimbursable loan basis, by UNDP (1 P-5 and 1 General Service (Other level)), WFP (1 P-4 and 1 General Service (Other level)) and UNICEF, UNHCR and WFP jointly (1 P-4).

Resource requirements (at current rates)

Posts

30.19 The requirement of $738,400 would provide for the costs of one D-1, one P-4 and two General Service (Other level) posts funded on an inter-agency basis. The increase of $39,500 relates to the proposed reclassification of a P-3 post to the P-4 level upon the recommendation of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, given the increased responsibilities attached to the post, in particular in relation to assessment of the security situation in field duty stations.

Other staff costs

30.20 Provision of $3,721,600, reflecting a decrease of $36,900, relates to the cost of hazardous duty station life insurance coverage. Interorganizational life insurance coverage has been obtained on a system-wide basis since 1 January 1990 for staff members required to work in areas that might involve certain risks, as determined by the United Nations Security Coordinator.

30.21 Coverage is related to malicious acts only, that is, for death or disability caused directly by war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities, civil war, revolution, rebellion, insurrection, military or usurped power, riots or civil commotion, sabotage, explosion of war weapons, terrorist activities, murder, assault by foreign enemies or any attempt thereat.

30.22 The following categories of staff are covered by this policy: internationally recruited staff assigned to a duty station, internationally recruited staff, experts and consultants on official mission/travel/daily subsistence allowance status; and other United Nations official visitors in the designated countries; internationally recruited General Service staff; staff in the Field Service category; and locally recruited staff members (coverage is for service-incurred events only, including travel to and from the workplace).

Travel

30.23 A provision of $209,100, including a decrease of $4,800, is proposed to cover the cost of attending two ad hoc inter-agency meetings and of undertaking 24 security missions, as mandated by the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

General operating expenses

30.24 The estimated requirement of $59,800, reflecting a decrease of $190,200, would provide for communications, including long-distance telephone, facsimile and cable charges, and maintenance of office automation equipment. The decrease of $190,200 relates mainly to a one-time requirement for chartering aircraft for evacuation purposes in the biennium 1998-1999.

Supplies and materials

30.25 An estimated amount of $5,400, including a decrease of $1,400, would provide for supplies for office automation equipment and other general office supplies.

Furniture and equipment

30.26 The estimated requirement of $1,500 relates to the purchase of miscellaneous office equipment.

F. Pension payments to former Secretaries-General

Table 30.10 **Summary of requirements by object of expenditure**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Object of expenditure	*1996-1997 expenditures*	*1998-1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000-2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
Non-staff compensation	568.1	651.1	–	–	651.1	48.9	700.0
Total	**568.1**	**651.1**	–	–	**651.1**	**48.9**	**700.0**

Non-staff compensation

30.27 The requirement of $651,100 reflects the provision for retirement allowances of former Secretaries-General.

Table 30.11 **Summary of follow-up action taken to implement relevant recommendations of the internal and external oversight bodies and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/7 (Chap. II, Part X))	
The Advisory Committee recommends that the long-term implications and impact of the growth in the liability of the Organization for after-service health insurance benefits be addressed, on a system-wide basis, in a report of the Secretary-General, along with practical indications of how the Secretariat intends to address the issue (para. X.25).	The question of liabilities for post-retirement health insurance is currently under consideration by the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions). The results of its deliberations will be reported to the General Assembly, as appropriate.

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Part XI
Capital expenditures

Section 31
Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

(Programme 24 of the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001)

Overview

Table 31.1 **Summary of requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

Component	*1996–1997 expenditures*	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
A. Alteration and improvement	12 142.9	14 066.3	8 028.7	57.0	22 095.0	1 163.5	23 258.5
B. Major maintenance	13 227.4	20 106.8	925.8	4.6	21 032.6	1 362.7	22 395.3
Total	**25 370.3**	**34 173.1**	**8 954.5**	**26.2**	**43 127.6**	**2 526.2**	**45 653.8**

Table 31.2 **Summary of requirements by programme**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	1996–1997 expenditures	*1998–1999 appropriations*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2000–2001 estimates*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
A. Alteration and improvement							
1. Headquarters	6 576.4	4 974.1	6 295.3	126.5	11 269.4	547.4	11 816.8
2. Geneva	4 872.5	4 008.9	500.0	12.4	4 508.9	81.5	4 590.4
3. Vienna	–	1 674.5	(330.0)	(19.7)	1 344.5	40.7	1 385.2
4. Nairobi	97.1	407.2	439.1	107.8	846.3	159.2	1 005.5
5. ESCAP	169.2	930.6	(224.5)	(24.1)	706.1	102.3	808.4
6. ECLAC	335.6	988.0	343.8	34.7	1 331.8	130.9	1 462.7
7. ECA	92.1	1 083.0	1 005.0	92.7	2 088.0	101.5	2 189.5
Total A	**12 142.9**	**14 066.3**	**8 028.7**	**57.0**	**22 095.0**	**1 163.5**	**23 258.5**
B. Major maintenance							
1. Headquarters	5 266.2	9 870.1	438.8	4.4	10 308.9	500.7	10 809.6
2. Geneva	2 958.8	4 093.7	–	–	4 093.7	74.1	4 167.8
3. Vienna	521.4	650.0	–	–	650.0	–	650.0
4. Nairobi	1 519.0	1 417.7	(70.0)	(4.9)	1 347.7	253.5	1 601.2
5. ESCAP	1 160.0	2 189.8	557.0	25.4	2 746.8	398.1	3 144.9
6. ECLAC	644.3	899.3	–	–	899.3	88.4	987.7
7. ECA	873.8	986.2	–	–	986.2	47.9	1 034.1
8. UNTSO	283.9	–	–	–	–	–	–
Total B	**13 227.4**	**20 106.8**	**925.8**	**4.6**	**21 032.6**	**1 362.7**	**22 395.3**
Total A and B	**25 370.3**	**34 173.1**	**8 954.5**	**26.2**	**43 127.6**	**2 526.2**	**45 653.8**

31.1 The activities under this section are described in subprogramme 24.4, Support services, of programme 24, Management and central support services, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998–2001, as revised (A/53/6/Rev.1).

31.2 The activities programmed in this section relate to capital improvements of the United Nations facilities worldwide. Those at Headquarters are under the responsibility of the Facilities Management Division of the Office of Central Support Services. The organizational units at Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi and the regional commissions are responsible within their respective spheres for local administration of resources under this section. Capital expenditure resources are requested centrally under this section in order to ensure a coordinated and systematic approach to problems of common concern related to facilities management, major maintenance and construction. However, the staff and related costs for administration and management of the activities are included under their respective sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001.

31.3 The Office of Central Support Services will continue its coordinating functions in providing integrated and coordinated management policy and guidelines to locations outside of Headquarters, in line with General Assembly resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997.

31.4 The overall objectives of the subprogramme as it relates to facilities management are to provide effective and efficient planning, management, maintenance and operation for all existing physical facilities of the Organization; to provide electronic communication expertise for meeting facilities; and to provide support for other mandated activities of the Organization.

31.5 Major maintenance requirements vary with the age of the building, type of construction, climate and adequacy of regular maintenance programmes. Properties owned by the United Nations at Headquarters are over 50 years old, requiring more active intervention to prevent structural, functional and technical obsolescence. Further, with new technologies in communications, office automation and information management, modifications and alterations to the buildings have become necessary to accommodate the specialized requirements of those technologies. For example, the application of energy-saving technologies to existing buildings requires significant architectural and engineering modifications. Similarly, new safety and environmental standards require the renovation of existing buildings to meet modern standards in such areas as fire safety, access for the disabled, interior air quality, asbestos abatement and safe handling of dangerous or toxic materials.

31.6 Historically however, the management and maintenance of the facilities owned by the Organization have suffered from low levels of funding for programmes of preventive maintenance and repair. As indicated in the reports of the Secretary-General on facilities management to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth and fiftieth sessions (A/45/796 and Add.1 and A/50/676), during periods of severe financial constraint the provision for maintenance of the facilities was frequently the first area targeted for reduced or deferred expenditure in lieu of higher-priority substantive programme activities. After a number of deferments, the cumulative effect leads to breakdowns, and inevitably a substantial portion of the necessarily reduced budget allocation has to be redeployed from routine maintenance to unforeseen building repair emergencies. In addition, owing to the nature of capital improvement projects, a number of which require long lead times or summer season timetables, it often proves difficult to complete approved alteration and improvement projects during the biennium in which appropriations are granted. This results in the further deferral of those projects to future bienniums, owing to the unlikelihood of the completion of projects during the financial period.

31.7 A number of projects proposed for 2000–2001 are projects that either were already approved by the General Assembly but needed to be deferred owing to the overall reduced level of resources or. the need to undertake other unforeseen emergency projects or are a continuation of previously approved multi-year projects. As requested by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the projects proposed under alterations and improvements and major maintenance are itemized in table 31.3 as being deferred from prior periods, multi-year phased projects, recurrent projects or new projects. The proposals for the

biennium 2000–2001, therefore, represent: (a) a continuing phase of a catch-up programme, which is expected to continue into succeeding bienniums; and (b) those projects which the organizational units have the capacity to implement within their existing structure.

31.8 In order to remedy the situation with the facilities' physical condition at Headquarters, the Office of Central Support Services has developed a master plan for capital improvements and upgrade of the facilities. The plan encompasses the six buildings at Headquarters (North Lawn Extension, Secretariat, Conference Building, General Assembly Building, South Annex Building and Dag Hammarskjöld Library), as well as the UNITAR Building. All building components were investigated in order to determine their present condition, expected lifespan and conformance to safety standards and to current industry norms. This included the building structure, roofing, windows, marble and stone, landscape, heating, ventilating and air-conditioning systems, electrical systems, plumbing, lighting and other permanent building elements. In addition, the Office of Central Support Services has consulted with departments whose future needs might be expected to drive building changes; the goal was to incorporate these future changes into an overall construction programme. Many elements of the buildings were in excellent condition owing to successful maintenance programmes in the early years and also to the high quality of initial materials. In other areas, systems are well past their useful lifespan, and the level of emergency breakdowns can therefore be anticipated to continue to rise sharply, curtailing any future improvements. The provisions requested for Headquarters under this budget section do not include those required for the capital improvements identified under the capital master plan.

Table 31.3 **Status of projects proposed for the biennium 2000–20001 by programme**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Headquarters	*United Nations Office at Geneva*	*United Nations Office at Vienna*	*United Nations Office at Nairobi*	*ESCAP*	*ECLAC*	*ECA*
Alterations/improvements							
Projects deferred from prior period(s)	1 540.0	–	–	–	–	–	–
Multi-year phased projects	2 825.6	1 310.9	–	846.3	371.1	100.0	1 939.0
New projects for 2000–2001	6 903.8	3 198.0	1 344.5	–	335.0	1 231.8	149.0
Total A	**11 269.4**	**4 508.9**	**1 344.5**	**846.3**	**706.1**	**1 331.8**	**2 088.0**
Major maintenance							
Projects deferred from prior period(s)	1 000.0	459.3	–	–	–	279.7	–
Multi-year phased projects	1 099.1	1 644.7	–	580.3	465.5	321.7	774.2
Recurrent projects	6 148.2	–	650.0	–	75.0	–	–
New projects for 2000–20001	2 061.6	1 989.7	–	767.4	2 206.3	297.9	212.0
Total B	**10 308.9**	**4 093.7**	**650.0**	**1 347.7**	**2 746.8**	**899.3**	**986.2**
Grand total	**21 578.3**	**8 602.6**	**1 994.5**	**2 194.0**	**3 452.9**	**2 231.1**	**3 074.2**

31.9 The above proposals should be seen in the context of the estimated value (excluding land) of United Nations-owned buildings, which is as follows:

(a) Headquarters — $722,358,600 (replacement value of the Headquarters complex, based on the current market-value assessment);

(b) Geneva — $760,000,000 (approximate value, based on projection of cost increases for the past 10 years);

(c) Vienna — $1,300,000,000 (estimated value): the Centre is the property of the Austrian Government;

(d) Nairobi — $62,316,600 (estimated value of the Gigiri complex);

(e) ESCAP — $83,125,000 (estimated value of the ESCAP complex);

(f) ECLAC — $39,300,000 (insurance value of the ECLAC complex);

(g) ECA — $162,774,000 (estimated value of the ECA complex).

A. Alteration and improvement

Resource requirements (at current rates)

1. United Nations Headquarters ($11,269,400)

31.10 The projects proposed for implementation at Headquarters during the biennium 2000–2001 include the following:

(a) *General facilities projects ($4,390,400)*

(i) Expansion of a project concerning repairs to the roof of the General Assembly Building initially approved for the biennium 1998–1999. At that time, the scope of the project was limited to roof replacement only. Upon investigation of the design, it was discovered that when the roof was last replaced in 1989, conditions such as asbestos elements, removal of previous roofing and repair of roof transitions at skylights, bulkheads, railings, gutters and perimeter stone work were not included in the scope of the work. A recent inspection confirmed that the full scope of the work must be addressed ($1,540,000);

(ii) Partial replacement of the Secretariat building roof. The south-east corner of the Secretariat Building has experienced repeated leakage. Upon inspection, it was determined that the roof was near the end of its useful life, the metal work above the roof had deteriorated and it was necessary to replace the roof without delay ($558,000);

(iii) Replacement of the third-floor roof of the Conference Building. The roof is a walking surface, as it provides emergency egress from the Conference Building's fourth floor. The present roof, installed in 1975, has had two major repairs. Since then it has deteriorated beyond repair and needs to be replaced ($1,005,400);

(iv) Replacement of the roof of the Lower Conference Building. The roof represents a perimeter of the third-floor roof. It dates back to the original construction and is well past its predicted lifetime ($187,000);

(v) Replacement of the underground gasoline tank in order to meet host-country environmental standards and New York State building code requirements ($100,000);

(vi) Relocation of the United Nations Archives from the present location at 345 Park Avenue South, Manhattan, to a new location, due to expiration of the lease on 31 July 2000. The relocation involves construction work in the new location to bring it into conformity with standards for the preservation of archival materials ($1,000,000);

(b) *Conference services operations ($3,613.100)*

(i) The replacement and upgrading of electronic equipment in the conference rooms of the Headquarters complex are part of a systematic modernization programme endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 34/14 E of 16 November 1982. In this context, the replacement of simultaneous interpretation systems and the acquisition and installation of a voting system for the Economic and Social Council Chamber and for Conference Room 4 are

planned for the biennium 2000–2001. In addition to the costs related to the above requirements, other costs related to the upgrade of heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems as well as painting, carpeting, furniture finishing and related work for both rooms and for adjacent booths would be required. Furthermore, videoconferencing/presentation/computer capability would be installed in Conference Rooms 1, 2, 4 and 9 and in the Council Chamber. The overall cost of the project is estimated at $1,677,300.

(ii) The technical capacity of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services for production and distribution of documents requires strengthening, given the fact that the existing equipment is either outdated or does not provide sufficient capability for timely production of documents. It is proposed to replace some outdated equipment as follows: acquisition and installation of six heavy-duty tying machines, an automated packaging line and a digital four-colour press; and installation of the new warehousing system;

(iii) The installation of some new equipment would also involve construction work, including the remodelling of work spaces and the upgrading of infrastructure and air-conditioning systems. The total cost of the requirements, including acquisition of equipment and all installation-related work, is estimated at $1,935,800;

(c) *Improvements in security and safety ($845,900)*

(i) Improvement of security conditions at the main vehicular entrance at Forty-third Street and First Avenue is urgently needed. The security environment has become more difficult in recent years, and vehicular control in particular is a subject of concern. The need for the project was also confirmed by the Office of Internal Oversight Services in its report on the security conditions at Headquarters ($496,900);

(ii) Modifications to the Secretary-General's residence and on the thirty-eighth floor of the Secretariat Building to improve the security conditions ($149,000);

(iii) Correction of the fire alarm and fire-safety system code deficiencies identified in the course of inspections ($200,000);

(d) *Improvement of technological infrastructure ($2,420,500).* During the biennium 2000–2001, information technology will continue to play a key role in enhancing the effectiveness of the Organization and in providing a platform for managing information on a global scale. Accordingly, policy emphasis will be placed on upgrading the technological capabilities of the telecommunication infrastructure systems. In accordance with the long-term requirements for the information-technology development of the Organization, acquisition and replacement of the following equipment is foreseen: 24 high-end servers to replace the obsolete servers and support for Citrix operations and Extranet- and Internet-based applications ($1,070,500); the equipment required for the enhancement or re-engineering of the Optical Disk System ($350,000); and the outdated system of control and monitoring of the Office of Central Support Services capital equipment ($50,000). In addition, enhancements will be made to the United Nations global network of earth stations ($100,000), local area network (LAN) campus backbone system, namely, migration of Network Core from layer 2, routing, to layer 3, switching ($300,000), the existing Intranet service support infrastructure to accommodate global access to Headquarters Intranet by offices away from Headquarters ($100,000), the existing Intranet service access infrastructure to expand service access capacity by performing upgrades to routers and Internet LAN segments ($50,000) and the Network Management System, required to improve the collection and reporting of LAN performance metrics, by purchasing and installing reporting software and hardware with a super-server platform ($200,000); and the networking communications management system for central control and monitoring of the existing wide-area network communication equipment will be upgraded ($200,000).

2. United Nations Office at Geneva ($4,508,900)

31.11 The projects proposed for implementation at the United Nations Office at Geneva during the biennium 2000–2001 include the following:

(a) *General facilities projects ($384,500)*

(i) Renovation of Room VIII (second phase). The decoration of this room goes back to the League of Nations. During the biennium 1996–1997, the wood and leather chairs of the room were totally refurbished. For the biennium 2000–2001, it is proposed to complete the renovation of the room, including the floor, walls, ceilings and delegates' tables ($173,200);

(ii) Replacement of furniture in the Council Chamber gallery. In 1999, simultaneous interpretation equipment would be replaced in the Council Chamber, except in the gallery. The gallery can accommodate up to 150 people on large benches, which are in poor condition and are not suitable to receive interpretation equipment (no armrests). It is proposed to replace these old benches with new benches with armrests in the same style in order to install the interpretation equipment ($211,300);

(b) *Improvements in security and safety ($746,500).* To enhance security in the compound, the following three projects are planned: (a) continuation of the programme of installation of video cameras for surveillance ($126,800); (b) completion of the installation of an electronic access control system at various entrance doors of the Palais in order to prevent unauthorized access ($110,700); and (c) installation of metallic roller blinds, replacement of old gates and replacement of fences surrounding the Palais ($500,000);

(c) *Technical installations ($3,377,900)*

(i) Replacement of simultaneous interpretation equipment in Room XII ($563,600). The present simultaneous interpretation equipment was installed in 1983, and no spare parts are available. The present equipment would be replaced, as the number of breakdowns is very high;

(ii) Full renovation of Le Bocage Pavilions ($885,300). One of the prefabricated Pavilions was built in 1960 and the other in 1964. After more than 36 years of use they need to be fully refurbished. Half of the offices in the Pavilions would be converted into classrooms in order to accommodate the Training and Examinations Service activities, which are now located in Villa Le Bocage. Villa Le Bocage is not appropriate for receiving more than 100 people at one time, while during peak periods there are more than 400 people in classrooms. The stability of the structure is insufficient above the Oval Room, which is the biggest classroom of the Villa, and corridors, stairs, doors, boiler room and so on are not in accordance with local regulations for a training facility. For safety reasons, the Training and Examinations Service must be relocated from the Villa to the Pavilions during the biennium 2000–2001;

(iii) Improvement of safety conditions in Villa Le Bocage ($211,300). As indicated above, Villa Le Bocage is neither appropriate nor safe for housing so many classrooms, mainly in its basement and on the first and second floors. It is planned to relocate the Training and Examinations Service in Le Bocage Pavilions during the biennium 2000–2001. Villa Le Bocage would then be converted to office use after the safety conditions were upgraded;

(iv) Renovation of room B135 (first floor) of the Library and installation of a third Internet terminal in the room ($180,000). The third terminal would be installed in order to facilitate and promote electronic research, especially for the permanent missions;

(v) Installation of a unified messaging system ($50,000). The first part of a system to integrate facsimile, telex, voice-mail and e-mail will be put into operation in 1999. Upon completion of the project in 2000, the capacity of the service would be extended to campus-wide users, and the capability for global directory services would be added in order to implement the United

Nations standards adopted by the Information Systems Coordination Committee of the administrative Committee on Coordination;

(vi) Videoconferencing ($150,000). Videoconferencing services are to be enhanced in order to accommodate a booking system and broadcasting capabilities of video/audio conference sessions over the Internet or the campus-wide data network. The implementation of the broadcast services is necessary, in particular to accommodate the diplomatic community's needs;

(vii) Upgrading of the Network Control Centre ($250,000). The Centre houses the United Nations Office at Geneva 's central servers, Internet/Intranet webs, administration tools for both the data and voice networks, IMIS back-up servers and other infrastructure services. The work required relates to the remodelling of the space, installation of racks wired to the network panels and replacement of an air-conditioning system and lighting fixtures as well as installation of the access control system and new cabling in order to improve the working environment;

(viii) Upgrading of the United Nations Office at Geneva campus-wide network ($1,087,700). The campus-wide network has been in operation since 1992, and the technology conceived at that time is now supporting some 4,000 users (including conferences) at full capacity. In the biennium 2000–2001, with the expansion of videoconferencing, imaging software to reduce paper-based processes, the use of the Unified Messaging System and the full deployment of IMIS, an upgrade of the network is required. The work involves acquisition of new equipment and its installation in place of the existing equipment.

3. United Nations Office at Vienna ($1,344,500)

31.12 Alterations and improvements at Vienna are governed by an agreement between IAEA, UNIDO and the United Nations, with UNIDO responsible for the common services. The requirements enumerated hereunder are not covered by the Common Fund for Financing Major Repairs and Replacements at the Vienna International Centre, of which the share of the United Nations Office at Vienna is requested under major maintenance.

31.13 A long-term programme to effect these repairs and replacements, initiated in the biennium 1998–1999, has been agreed by the Vienna International Centre organizations in accordance with existing cost-sharing arrangements. As is the case with the existing activities of this subprogramme, emphasis is placed on a consistent replacement plan for the premises that addresses health and safety issues as well as the deterioration of the buildings.

31.14 The requirements include a replacement programme for all areas of the buildings to maintain the Centre, after 20 years of occupancy, at an acceptable operational level and to ensure the safety and security of the occupants. This is based on a long-term replacement programme for worn-out installations and equipment and the replacement of obsolete technology. The resources requested represent the share of the United Nations in the total cost of the alteration and improvement works proposed for the biennium, a share based on a cost-sharing formula linked to occupancy and common areas.

(a) *General facilities projects ($453,800)*

(i) Replacement of automatic energy charge system. The current direct emergency lighting system in the conference and assembly rooms is old and unreliable, constantly breaking down and requiring replacement ($43,600);

(ii) Replacement of outdated, aged equipment and controls related to heating, ventilation and lighting to optimize energy consumption ($29,200);

(iii) Modification of gate 1, covering of the gate with a metal façade and insulation of the façade and roof ($20,000);

(iv) Installation/replacement of catering equipment, such as a cool storeroom, hearth plates, shelving and furniture in the cafeteria ($195,300);

(v) Replacement of the exit doors from the cafeteria to the terrace with automatically opening doors with emergency functions. Renewal of the old cool storeroom doors with a closer and sealing to keep down the energy costs ($19,900);

(vi) Electronic and manual correction of the 28-year-old technical drawings of buildings and installations. Most of the documents are in very bad condition. The United Nations share for the biennium 2000–2001 amounts to $51,400;

(vii) Replacement of fluorescent tubes, starting devices and defective plastic parts in offices and corridors of the Centre ($94,400);

(b) *Improvements in security and safety ($126,700)*

(i) Replacement of the Vienna International Centre lock system, for which copy protection of keys has expired ($108,500);

(ii) Fire detection. Upgrading of the fire-detection system in various areas ($18,200);

(c) *Technical installations ($764,000)*

(i) Replacement of various battery systems in uninterruptible power supplies for secured equipment for alarm and communication systems, which are at the end of their life cycle ($24,800);

(ii) Replacement of remote reading devices for consumption metres. For on-line control it is necessary to connect remote control devices to the metres and install a cable network for remote readings ($23,600);

(iii) Replacement of the heating systems at gates CP 1-5 to optimize energy consumption ($17,900);

(iv) Replacement of the document conveyor for all buildings installed in 1978. Owing to its present technical condition, the effective operating time is reduced to only 60 per cent of its design capacity. The project would be implemented over a period of three years. The United Nations share of the costs relating to the biennium 2000–2001 amounts to $106,300;

(v) Replacement of the Vienna International Centre elevator equipment, which has reached the end of its expected lifespan. The new technology now in use is not compatible with the systems operating in the Vienna International Centre, which causes problems with availability of spare parts. Replacement of the control systems of all elevators in connection with the conversion from rotating to static converters is required to maintain reliable operation ($197,100);

(vi) Replacement of cooling equipment and alteration of air outlets in the areas of operation of electric/electronic infrastructure equipment. The present water-cooled systems would be replaced with air-cooled systems ($27,100);

(vii) Replacement of the outdated simultaneous interpretation equipment in the technician booth and in the interpreter cabins in conference rooms for which spare parts are no longer available. ($259,700);

(viii) Replacement of escalators that have been in service since the Centre's construction ($70,900);

(ix) Replacement of air-conditioning equipment in technical operation areas (telephone exchange, battery room and security and building control areas) ($36,600).

4. United Nations Office at Nairobi ($846,300)

31.15 Resources are requested for the following projects:

(a) *Improvements in security and safety ($215,000)*. Localization of the pumping stations of the fire-fighting system; that is, the old, new and central blocks of the system would operate independently;

upgrading of the fire booster pumps ($50,000); construction of a security gate and an access road to improve the security of the additional area granted by the Government of Kenya in 1995; improvements to the security patrol road; and improvement of the security lighting in the complex ($165,000);

(b) *General facilities projects ($172,200).* Alterations of office space required for the restructuring and the reorganization of offices ($80,000); improvement of the irrigation/sprinkler system in the nursery, water fountains and the like; expansion of the landscaping/gardening workshop building to accommodate more equipment; and introduction of garden bins to improve litter management within the complex ($92,200);

(c) *Technical installations ($459,100).* Improvement of soundproofing of a generator ($10,000); improvement of the exhaust system of a plant room by adding an extra chimney ($10,000); and upgrading and replacement of the simultaneous interpretation equipment in all conference rooms. The existing equipment was installed in 1983, and spare parts for its repair are no longer available. All electronic components would be replaced, while non-electronic items, such as microphones, junction boxes and underground cabling, would be retained to minimize costs ($439,100).

5. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific ($706,100)

31.16 The projects proposed for implementation during the biennium 2000–2001 relate to the following:

(a) *Improvements in security and safety ($265,000).* Installation of an X-ray screening machine ($85,000); installation of access-control card equipment for offices in the secretariat and service buildings ($10,000); alteration to the service building fire escape structure in order to increase the distance between the fire escape and the boundary wall ($75,000); and replacement of the fire-protection system in a computer room and in catering areas ($95,000);

(b) *Technical installations ($441,100).* Installation of lightweight roofing for the open car-park area at the rear of the service building ($50,000); replacement of the conference services lighting systems ($20,000); and replacement of the simultaneous interpretation equipment in Conference Room 3 ($371,100).

6. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean ($1,331,800)

31.17 Resources requested under alterations and improvements relate to the following projects:

(a) *General facilities projects ($450,000).* Completion of a multi-year project of installation of workstations ($100,000); renovation of the ECLAC cafeteria, partial renovation of sidewalks in the ECLAC compound ($125,000); installation of a roof in the parking lot on the south side of the premises ($200,000); and renovation of ceilings in offices of the ECLAC subregional offices ($25,000);

(b) *Improvement in security and safety ($881,800).* Construction of piping around the premises to provide fire protection to the ECLAC installations ($32,500); construction of a reinforced brick wall on the west boundary of the ECLAC compound because of the opening of a new public road/highway at the back entrance ($75,000); construction of a new reception area in the north gate entrance because of the opening of the new public road/highway ($212,800); replacement of existing sub-standard office panels with acoustical, fire-protected panels ($461,500); the construction of offices and amenities for the Security Section in order to relocate the Section from quarters that are currently unsuitable and sub-standard ($100,000);

7. Economic Commission for Africa ($2,088,000)

31.18 The resources requested would provide for the following general facilities projects:

(a) *General facilities projects ($1,419,000).* Rehabilitation of the ECA building, including works for external renovation, reconstruction of the ground floor, reconstruction of the basement and modification and reconstruction of the main entrance area ($417,000); erection of new flagpoles ($65,000); structural modification of the passage between the old and new buildings ($54,000); installation of dimmers on the lighting systems of the conference rooms ($30,000); renovation of ceilings, elevators and lavatory in Africa Hall ($375,000); repartitioning of Committee Room 10 in Africa Hall ($28,000); and restoration and furnishing of the ECA conference facilities ($450,000);

(b) *Improvements in security and safety ($189,000).* Renovation and expansion of the fire-fighting installation for the library and cafeteria buildings ($54,000); and construction of an appropriate fence and guard booths on the west side of the ECA compound ($135,000);

(c) *Technical installation ($480,000).* Upgrading of telecommunication infrastructure facilities to facilitate access to the Internet ($230,000); VSAT data communications infrastructure ($150,000); and obsolete LAN infrastructure ($100,000).

B. Major maintenance

Resource requirements (at current rates)

1. United Nations Headquarters ($10,308,900)

31.19 The physical plant of the Headquarters compound is in urgent need of increased preventive and corrective maintenance, due to the age and obsolescence of the existing infrastructure, building systems and associated controls and protection systems. The integrity of the buildings and the reliability of the health and safety systems will be compromised without well planned, timely maintenance and phased replacement of critical protective elements.

31.20 In order to minimize adverse effects on the quality of service and to comply with existing health, safety and building code regulations, increased resources have been requested under major maintenance, while a corresponding decrease has been reflected under alterations and improvements. These projects are independent of any implementation of a long-term capital master plan.

31.21 The resources requested would provide for the continuing urgent maintenance activities for the safe, reliable and efficient operation of the facilities and for safeguarding the health of the staff. Included are the essential maintenance activities carried out by the in-house staff, as well as a number of activities in the areas of gardening, carpeting, painting, carpentry, general maintenance, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning, which will be contracted out on an "as needed" basis, with a view to achieving efficiency, operational expediency and optimal use of resources.

(a) *Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning, and machine shop ($2,650,000).* The resources requested under this heading provide for the repair and refurbishing of equipment in the compressor room, various fan machine rooms and perimeter window units, all pumps, conveyors and dumbwaiters; maintenance of indoor air quality, which involves duct cleaning, filtration, servicing of temperature and humidity controls; and repair/replacement of heat exchangers, and repair and refurbishing of refrigeration and air-conditioning systems servicing the broadcast, communications, data processing and food storage areas;

(b) *Electrical maintenance ($950,000).* The projects under this heading include, but are not limited to: maintenance and replacement of regular and emergency lighting fixtures and associated ballast, transformers and lamps throughout the complex; replacement/refurbishing of selected motor control

centres, switchgear boards, power distribution panels, contactors, dimmer controls, bus bars, smoke alarm, fire-alarm and security systems; and modifications/expansions of the existing electrical and LAN outlets to suit the space occupancy and functionality;

(c) *Plumbing maintenance ($1,200,000).* The resources requested under this heading provide for the replacement of defective piping and valves, heating and cooling coils; damaged or inefficient water supply fixtures with water-efficient bathroom fixtures; plumbing gratings, traps, vents; and fire suppression water systems and drainage systems throughout the complex;

(d) *Replacement of carpets, upholstery and drapes ($1,000,000).* Some meeting and public spaces in the Conference Building, as well as public spaces in the General Assembly Hall have suffered excessive wear and tear, due to heavy usage and now pose a potential safety risk. Funding for this multi-year programme for the phased replacement of carpets in those areas over several years was initially requested in the budget proposal for the biennium 1996–1997. Although a small portion was initiated during the biennium 1998–1999, full implementation and completion of this programme during the biennium 2000–2001 is of the utmost importance since the damage to the spaces in the Conference and General Assembly Buildings has been escalating. The costs of $795,000 of this provision relate to carpet replacement for Conference Room 2, the Security Council Chamber, the Economic and Social Council Chamber, the Trusteeship Council Chamber, the second floor corridor of the General Assembly Hall, and for the replacement of curtains and venetian blinds throughout the complex, as well as for the reupholstering of furniture in the conference rooms. The remaining amount ($205,000) is requested for the repair/replacement of damaged carpets, venetian blinds and damaged furniture in various areas of the complex;

(e) *Carpentry ($280,000).* The resources requested would provide for the refurbishment of all conference room wooden doors, tables and side panels, other selected panels and furniture in all buildings, as well as miscellaneous carpentry work;

(f) *Painting ($300,000).* The amount requested would provides for repairing damaged plaster and repainting of various areas throughout the complex. The bulk of these activities (approximately $200,000) will be undertaken on an "as needed" basis by in-house staff, which has proved to be more cost-effective;

(g) *General maintenance ($1,031,000).* Resources under this heading will provide for: replacement/refurbishing of the spandrel glass panels and glass panes, vinyl floor tiles, doors and sheet-rock panels throughout the complex; the repair of blue stones, potholes and curbing; upgrade of hardware and software, as well as materials for the sign shop; the replacement/repair of the hardware and controllers for various doors; and maintenance for the lawns and gardens, replacement of diseased plants, maintenance of indoor and outdoor plants and installation of lawn sprinklers;

(h) *Asbestos abatement and environment testing ($1,000,000).* For the health and safety of the building occupants, the multi-year abatement programme for asbestos-containing-materials would continue during the biennium 2000–2001 in selected areas, in accordance with existing conditions, technical guidelines and air-quality surveys. This programme is essential owing to aging building systems and infrastructure elements;

(i) *Structural and architectural maintenance ($1,897,900).* A number of projects are proposed under this heading:

(i) *East library wall ($440,000).* The marble façade of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library wall is in need of significant repair. The area has been cordoned off, as there is a risk of marble sections falling; they are already out of alignment. The underlying cause of the problem is water infiltration, which has rusted the anchors securing the marble to the structure;

(ii) *Ramp at the circle ($125,000).* The ramp to the 1B garage at the Secretariat circle fountain is the steepest ramp to the garage and does not have a de-icing system. This has resulted in serious

concrete deterioration, caused from both ice and road salt. It is proposed that the concrete and surrounding masonry be repaired and a de-icing system installed, as was done with the adjacent ramp to the garage;

(iii) *Garage, fourth phase ($983,800).* During the second phase of the rehabilitation of garage slabs, it was found that deterioration existed in areas beyond those originally identified. In view of the fact that these areas were subject to a slower form of deterioration, it was determined that, rather than add them to the existing garage project, the areas (north end 2B) should be designed and bid as a separate project and the benefit of further competitive bidding gained;

(iv) *Library façade($250,000).* Leaking occurs in the glass wall of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library, to such an extent that plastic sheeting has been installed to prevent rain damage to computers, desks and materials. After an inspection of the site, the path of the leak was identified. The glass wall requires additional sealant and caulking, and replacement of certain metal frames;

(v) *Secretary-General's residence ($99,100).* The amount requested would provide for continuation of the major maintenance of the Secretary-General's residence from the current biennium. That includes completion of the replacement of the main heating distribution system; upgrading of electrical distribution and lighting; replacement of some hot and cold water piping; refurbishing of bathrooms and kitchen; and completion of the replacement/upgrade of window air-conditioning units;

2. United Nations Office at Geneva ($4,093,700)

31.22 As part of the continuing major maintenance programme, the following projects would be undertaken during the biennium 2000–2001:

(a) *Building structures and grounds ($1,930,300)*

(i) Refurbishment programme for offices in the old buildings (second phase) ($771,200). Continuation of the multi-year programme of the office refurbishment in the old buildings (which contain 1,090 offices) where many offices have not been renovated in more than 20 years. The renovation of approximately 200 offices (100 offices per year) is planned;

(ii) Refurbishment programme of corridors in the old buildings (second phase) ($240,000). Continuation of the programme of corridor refurbishment in the old buildings. Repainting of about 1,000 metres of corridor ($140,000) and replacement of floor upholstery in the corridors of the commission wings, on the third floor, between the Council Building and the Library Building ($100,000) is proposed;

(iii) Refurbishment programme of offices in the E Building (first phase) ($142,500). Implementation of a multi-year programme of office refurbishment in the E Building (which contains 1,006 offices). Renovation of 50 offices (25 offices per year) is planned;

(iv) The Visitors' Service Hall in the E Building requires refurbishment ($101,800). It has not been renovated since 1972;

(v) Continuation of the maintenance and repair programme of the roads of the Ariana's Enclosure for access to the Palais des Nations and its annexes and parking areas ($113,500);

(vi) Repairing of the ceilings of the fourth level of the E Building's underground garage (armoured concrete) ($40,700);

(vii) Continuation of the programme for the maintenance and repairs of flat-roof areas to avoid water infiltrations ($203,500);

(viii) Restoration of the Cour d'Honneur (second phase) ($140,700). The second phase of the restoration of the Cour d'Honneur, the courtyard in front of the Assembly Building bordered by its two wings, was to have been carried out during the biennium 1996–1997 ($500,000), but

was deferred for budgetary reasons. It is proposed that a part of this restoration programme be implemented. An initial phase, involving repair of parts of the paved areas which had become dangerous to pedestrians, was completed in the biennium 1994–1995. The area, which constitutes the ceiling of the cafeteria and technical rooms, has to be waterproofed in order to eliminate the existing leaks in the cafeteria kitchens;

(ix) Continuation of the programme of replacement of horizontal drain pipes running under sanitary installations in the Palais des Nations and its annexes, which have been in service for more than 64 years (in the old building); replacement of some sanitary equipment, which dates back to the time of the League of Nations ($88,200);

(x) Continuation of the programme of replacement of pipes used in the buildings (hot water, cold water, chilled water, etc.) and outside (connections for watering the grounds, fire hydrants, etc.), after more than 64 years ($88,200);

(b) *Technical equipment and installations ($2,163,400)*

(i) Replacement of lighting fixtures in Rooms XVII and XVIII was to have been carried out during the biennium 1996–1997. When asbestos was found in the ceiling of Room XVII, all the funds available for both rooms were used for its removal, due to the extra costs of asbestos abatement. After 28 years of intensive use, the lighting fixtures (over 600) have deteriorated and would be replaced ($237,400);

(ii) Elevators 7A ,7B, and 41A and 41B, will register over 40 and 30 years of operation, respectively, and will be replaced. The related costs were estimated at $752,100;

(iii) Replacement of air-compressors in the E Building, which are more than 15 years old ($103,000);

(iv) Replacement of two old expansion tanks of the central heating installation in the Secretariat and Library Buildings, after more than 64 years of use ($54,300);

(v) Lighting fixtures multi-year replacement programme for the old buildings (first phase) ($140,300);

(vi) Replacement of the original central heating radiators in the Secretariat and K Buildings, after 30 years of use ($203,400);

(vii) Replacement of the air-conditioning system in E Building offices, after 30 years of permanent use, as a first phase of the multi-year replacement programme ($305,200);

(viii) Replacement of the boiler of Villa Les Feuillantines, which was put into service in 1969 ($98,300);

(ix) Replacement of the boiler of Villa La Pelouse, which was put into service in 1966 ($47,500);

(x) Overhauling of two generating sets was to have been carried out during the biennium 1994–1995, but was deferred for budgetary reasons ($221,900).

3. United Nations Office at Vienna ($650,000)

31.23 The Government of Austria provides the United Nations use of the Vienna International Centre, for a token one schilling per annum with major maintenance and repairs to the premises carried out on a shared basis under the 1981 Agreement on the Common Fund for Major Repairs. Under the Agreement, the eligible components are confined to a provisional list of main elements. However, as the Vienna International Centre complex ages, the need for maintenance is increasing, thus generating major maintenance work which is not covered under the Agreement.

31.24 Under the terms of the Agreement between the international organizations in the Vienna International Centre (UNOV, UNIDO, and IAEA) and the host Government, a Common Fund for Financing Major Repairs was established with the four parties contributing $25,000 annually. In addition, the cost of major repairs

undertaken in a given year, after prior approval by the quadripartite Major Repair Fund Committee, has to be reimbursed in equal shares, but subject to a ceiling of $300,000 for each of the international organizations.

31.25 The terms of the Agreement were to be reviewed initially after ten years and subsequently every five years. The next review and possible revision is due in 2001.

31.26 Furthermore, the planned participation of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) as a fifth partner to the Agreement on the Common fund for Major Repairs will entail a revision of the financial arrangements for each participating organization. The detailed conditions governing the inclusion of CTBTO in the Fund have not yet been finalized, but will be communicated as soon as available.

31.27 The resources requested by the United Nations Office at Vienna ($650,000) correspond to its share for the biennium under the terms of the quadripartite Agreement on the Common Fund for Major Repairs

4. United Nations Office at Nairobi ($1,347,700)

31.28 As part of the continuing major maintenance programme, the following projects are proposed by the United Nations Office at Nairobi during the biennium 2000–2001.

(a) *Building structures and grounds ($763,300).* Replacement of toilet and kitchen amenities ($30,000); septic tank exhauster services ($28,000); replacement of carpets in Conference Rooms 2, 3, 4 and adjacent offices ($151,000); roof waterproofing treatment ($79,000); re-surfacing of car parks ($230,300); relaying of cracked and defaced terrazzo steps around the conference area ($7,000); thorough brushing and cleaning of façades of rough-cast concrete surfaces ($20,000); major external painting of buildings ($30,000); termite treatment for buildings and grounds ($58,000); reconstruction of rotted wooden glazed wall panels ($90,000); reconstruction of septic tank at Gardener's Shed ($15,000); waterproofing of the exhaust chamber for generator No.1 ($10,000); replacement of obsolete direction signs within the complex ($15,000);

(b) *Technical installations ($584,400).* Resources requested would cover: electro/solar system network; replacement of worn solar panels, piping works including the insulation and other accessories ($18,000); spares for maintenance of the electronic security fence ($15,000); replacing defective power factor units for each plant room to reduce the power consumption ($85,000); main water tower pumps replacement ($11,000); replacement of existing overhead diesel storage tank for generator No. 1 with a larger underground tank ($7,000); complete overhaul of projection screen and curtain electrical control system in Conference Rooms 1 and 2 ($10,000); replacement of 15 year-old fire-alarm panels in the complex with the up-to-date system, as the existing one is obsolete ($50,000); replacement of obsolete electrical light fittings and light diffusers ($38,400); and repair and replacement of electrical installations in operational areas of ventilation, air-conditioning and other infrastructure equipment ($350,000).

5. Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific ($2,746,800)

31.29 The resources requested under major maintenance would enable the continuation of the established long-term maintenance programme on the buildings at ESCAP which, in the case of the Secretariat and Service Buildings, will be over 20 years old. The major projects planned for the biennium 2000–2001 are the following:

(a) *Building structures and grounds ($455,700).* Replacement of water supply pumps and piping from basement to water tanks on the roofs of the buildings ($106,500); replacement of the Secretariat and Service Buildings roof drains ($93,100); replacement of glazed roof tiles in the Conference Centre ($256,100);

(b) *Technical installations ($2,291,100).* Replacement of air-handling units of the Secretariat and Service Buildings and total replacement of air-filter manometers for all units in those buildings ($1,117,000);

replacement of air-conditioners in the Staff Canteen ($46,600); replacement of 450 kVa stand-by diesel generator for the Secretariat and Service Buildings ($139,700); maintenance of cooling towers ($237,800); replacement of the package type air-conditioner units for the main computer room in the Electronic Services Section ($93,100); the interfacing of all air-handling units in the Secretariat and Service Buildings with the building automation system ($69,800); upgrading of passenger and freight elevators in the Secretariat and Service Buildings ($465,500); installation of electric fire-pump systems for the Service Building ($46,600); replacement of all fire extinguishers ($75,000).

6. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean ($899,300)

31.30 The resources requested would provide for the continuation of the multi-year maintenance and repair of the building structures and grounds of ECLAC, as well as the technical installations. The projects proposed in the biennium 2000–2001 are:

(a) *Building structures and grounds ($316,500)*. Implementation of an acoustic and thermal barrier in the roof of the north building to protect against noise pollution and humidity condensation ($167,900); replacement of floor tiling in the main building ($55,900); replacement of the deteriorated floor of the auditorium ($32,600); reconditioning of toilets in the Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation and the Latin American Centre for Economic and Social Documentation (ECLAC) buildings ($23,300); replacement of carpeting in ECLAC Conference Room No. 1 ($18,200); replacement/ refurbishment of the existing pavement of ECLAC internal roads and parking spaces ($18,600);

(b) *Technical installations ($582,800)*. Replacement of the fire protection and security detection system, including a public address system in all ECLAC buildings ($69,900); replacement of fluorescent lights in the main ECLAC building ($93,200);replacement of the false ceiling in the working floor ($186,600); overhaul of air-conditioning equipment in the main building ($51,300); change in the diameter of the main sewage lines of the ECLAC compound ($28,000); installation of a standby air-conditioning compressor in the north building and documents reproduction area ($69,900); replacement of the fresh air intake and ventilation system in the main building with an automatic zone control and temperature regulation system ($83,900).

7. Economic Commission for Africa ($986,200)

31.31 As a part of the major maintenance programme for the biennium 2000–2001, the following projects are proposed:

(a) *Building structures and grounds ($662,000)*. Library roof repair ($105,000); repartitioning of the third floor in the old office building ($450,000); renovation of the information technology server room, including replacement of old air-conditioning system, fire-fighting equipment and strengthening of the floor structure ($95,000); remodelling of the entrance to allow access for handicapped persons ($12,000);

(b) *Improvements in security and safety ($324,200)*. Renovation of the old office building fire-alarm systems.